HI-NOC-AR '85

INSIDE OUT

B.S. K
(Kirkham)

Tough

BSSS...,

We have had some awesome times together. As captains of the soccer team, and as friends. You are definitely someone I will miss next year. Your outragious laughter and all around character has made High school pretty wild. I will always remember that night that we tried to lose Darrel at the beach, or when we climbed up the back to the ~~pouch~~ porch and freak out Darrel. And this past Easter, when we had ~~an~~ our bathroom meetings w/ Kevin. Screaming in Movie theaters will always be a pastime of mine. I remember in 10TH grade I really thought that you were a practicing homosexual. But later I found out that it was not true. (Darn!) I believe what I will miss the most are the fun, great awesome times we had with Ed ~~do~~ and all the soccer players. I hope that Baylor is the school you are looking for. I pray that we can stay in touch, because really unique and good friends are hard to find. I love you.

Sam C Baly 18th

B.S. Hug don't Hit CLASS 85'

B.S.S. Lets wait for Kevin next time

Brent,

act to follow

What's up fag? I've had a great time raising Hell with you since about the 9th grade. Remember that time we were going to fill you-know-who's car up with water? What a stunt! Remember getting stitches when "I opened my car door and it hit you in the mouth". That was rough. What about after the Belmont party! I better not put too much in writing or we'll both end up in jail! Anyway, keep in touch. I'll be at State next year and I know where you'll be. Drop by when you're home.

'85 James Thain

Brentley (B.S),

We are finally graduating! You have been a great friend these past few years. I wish I could have been last year with everyone. I'm going to try my best to come down to Baylor and see you next year. We have some good times getting down to the basics. Remember the trip to Washington in the 9th grade. That was when I was really starting to know you. You've been a great friend and I won't forget. If you need anything just let me know. I know you'll make it through med school and keep in touch.

Love (as friend),

Pearson Lane '85

Brent ley

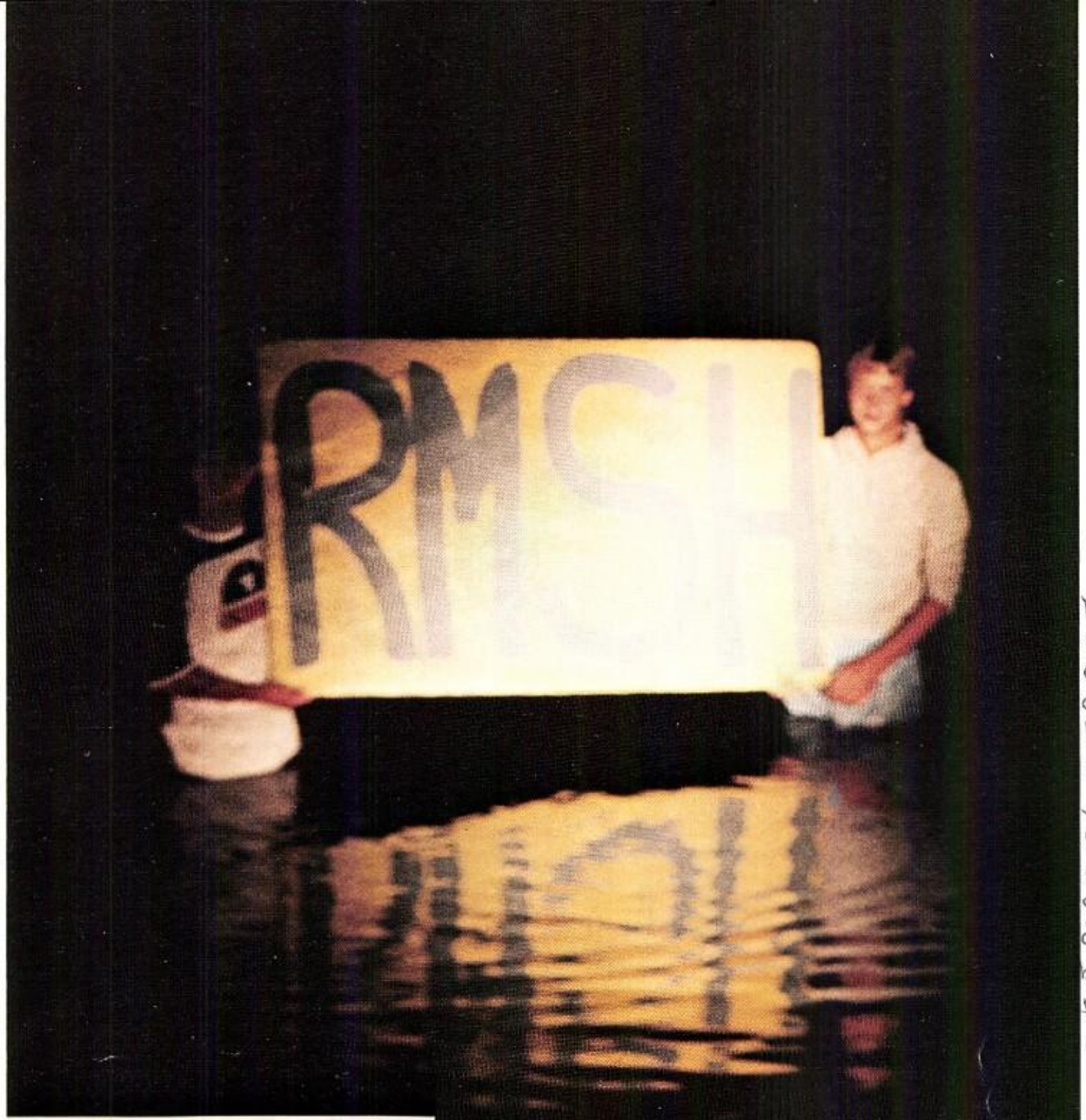
Well can you believe that the school year is almost over with? It seems like just yesterday I saw you and Ricky at band camp. Those were some wonderful times. We have had a lot of good times together. I'm really glad I have met you! I'll never forget the night at Mama Jeans - Aug. 17 my birthday when Ricky introduced you to me! The next week we went out. It's really gonna be sad next year w/ all of the seniors gone! You have really made my year here at RMSH. We have a lot of memories that I will never forget! Just remember me when you go off to college. You could write every once and a while! Ha Maybe the next time I see you - you wont have that "rat tail" Just Joking As you would say "The Schieve Clan Cant stand them" But Remember....

You are a GREAT person. I'll never forget you! Keep in touch!

Love Always,
Michelle Schieve

Bentley,
Man, its been a long time since the Catholic school but we made it. I remember when I first met you how quiet you really were - you've changed (so & matter of fact we all have). I have sincerely enjoyed your friendship. This is true reality mean and everything but I really mean it: I wish you all the luck in the world and continued success at Baylor. Keep in touch (& really mean that!). So don't forget me at Hampden-Sydney.

Love you,
Sandy Robison



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Brentley,
I still can't believe the year is almost over! It's been a good one! Too bad all of you seniors have to leave us! Have fun at college. I'm glad we were able to become better friends this year! You are a terrific guy with lots going for you. Don't forget your soph. (junior) friends when you're gone! Keep in touch! Take care and have a great summer!
Love,
Ann Dickens

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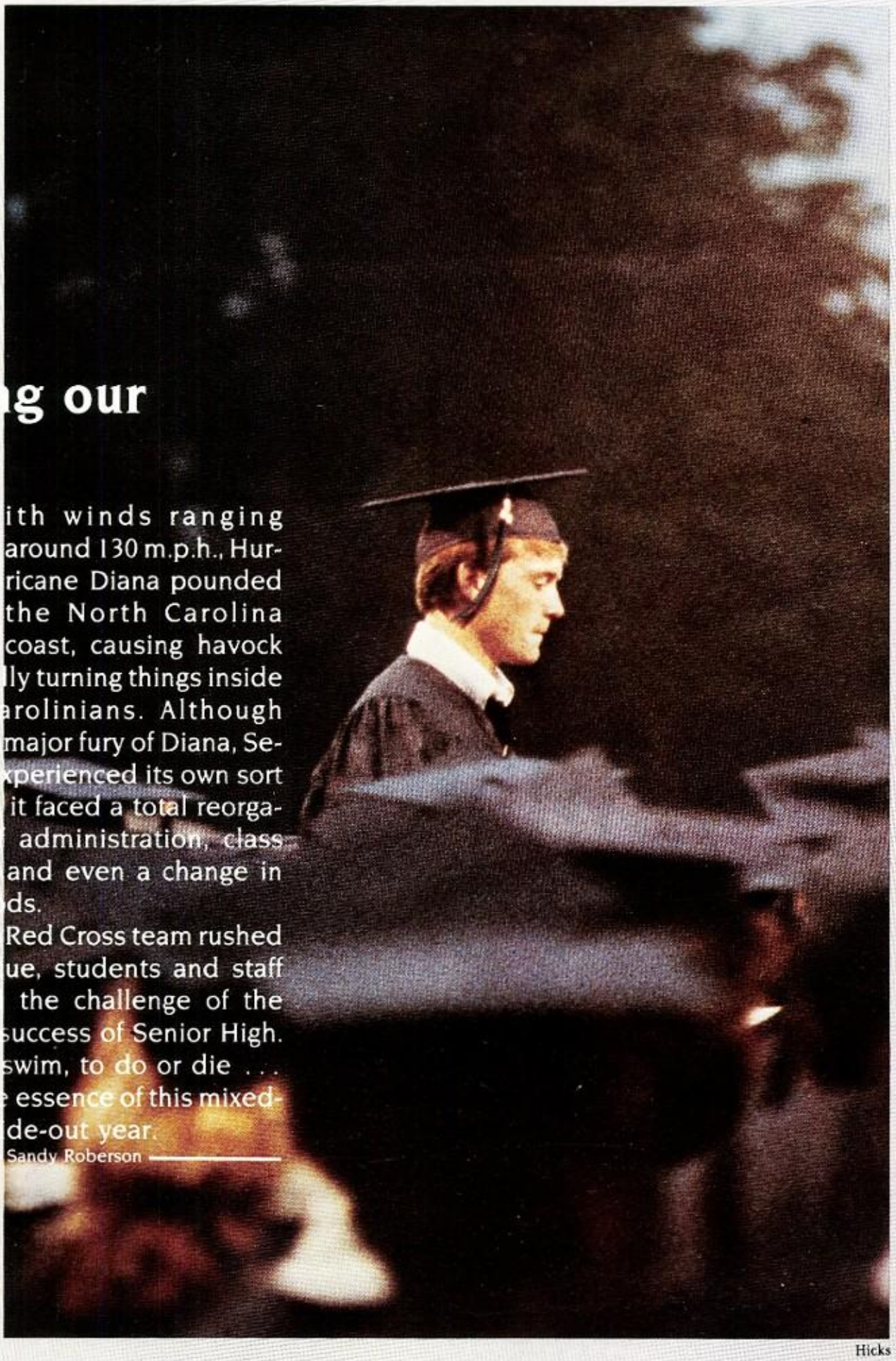
Weathering our storm

With winds ranging around 130 m.p.h., Hurricane Diana pounded the North Carolina coast, causing havoc and generally turning things inside out for Carolinians. Although spared the major fury of Diana, Senior High experienced its own sort of storm as it faced a total reorganization of administration, class schedules, and even a change in lunch periods.

While the Red Cross team rushed to the rescue, students and staff alike faced the challenge of the continued success of Senior High. To sink or swim, to do or die . . . that was the essence of this mixed-up and inside-out year.

Sandy Roberson



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Absorbed in her artwork, senior Jennifer Hawkins puts the final touches on her tee-shirt at an all senior party held the day before school opens.

Courtesy

Walker

With Hurricane Diana in Wilmington, co-principal Charles Davis helps Stan Bastian, assistant principal, close a broken transome, eventually climbing out the window to do so.

Following his stocks, senior Mac McAuley takes a break from soccer practice to check the Dow.

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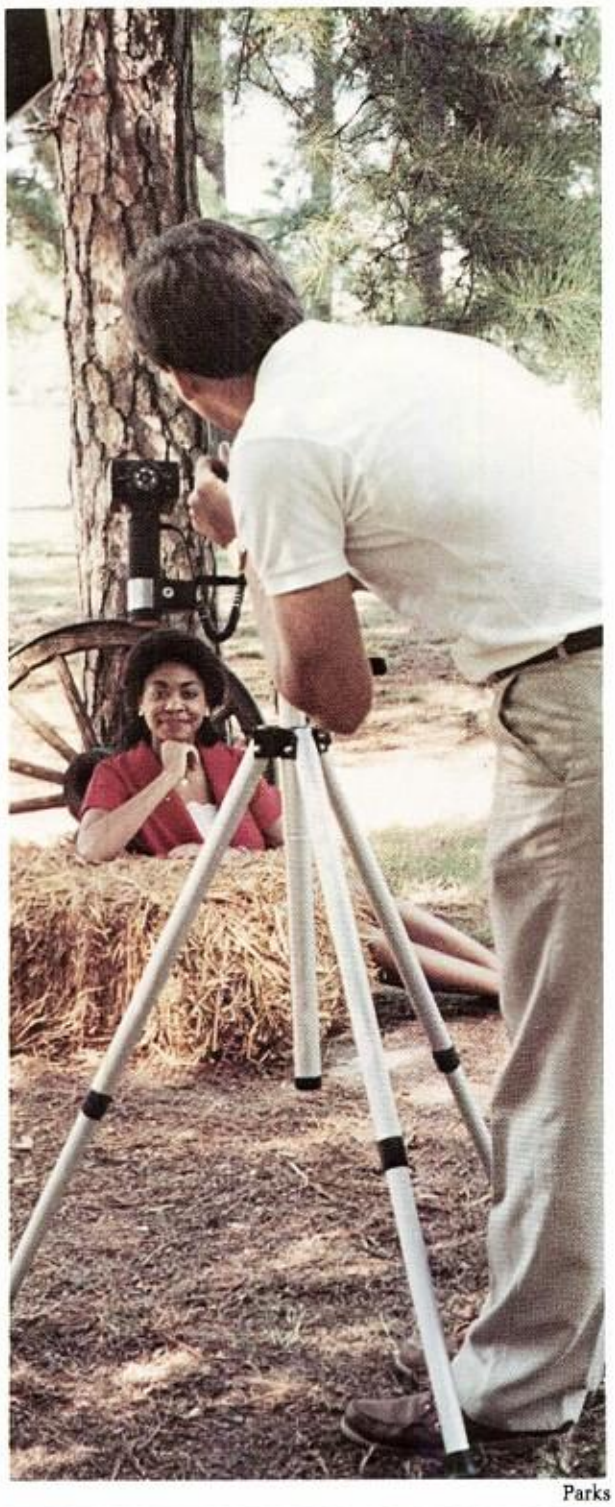
The difference a day makes is astounding. These seniors enjoy preparing posters to decorate the school on the first day.

Posing for that special senior portrait, Michelle Ellison smiles at photographer Neil Milsap's witty banter.



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Batchelor

After all the fun is over the remains have to be cleared. Responsible seniors such as Steve Armstrong helped clean up the morning's fun.

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Spraying his surroundings, senior Mike Webb enjoys a relaxing day at Gaston Lake.

Brentley,
I had a very hard time trying to find a place big enough to sign (especially since I started from the back!). I don't remember where we met but that's really not important when someone has a friend like you!! Maybe, like you said, it was football. I don't really know. It's hard to say how much you mean to me. You were always there when I needed you!! I have never really had a friend like you. I knew I could tell you anything & you wouldn't get bored or mad. If I had a problem in life, school, family, or whatever, you were there to help me work it out or just live with it! I can't thank you enough for that. Then when you & Rebecca started dating I felt like our friendship was going downhill - not that I have anything against Rebecca. She is a very sweet girl. But now I feel like our friendship is beginning to be like it was in the beginning. I'm so glad!! Then you told me you were going to Baylor. I was so upset but very happy for you. I felt like I was going to lose my best friend! But I knew that I wasn't because we could still keep in touch. We have had so many great times together! (Wintergreen, Spring Break, & others.) After we got home from Wintergreen (& during our trip) I started to like you a great deal. (That is another reason why I was so upset when you told me you were going to Baylor.) But after Wintergreen I felt like you were trying to avoid me or something. Maybe it was when Richard talked to you then. He could have said something that offended you or just something wrong. I don't know but I glad that stage is over!

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Student Life

Change of pace

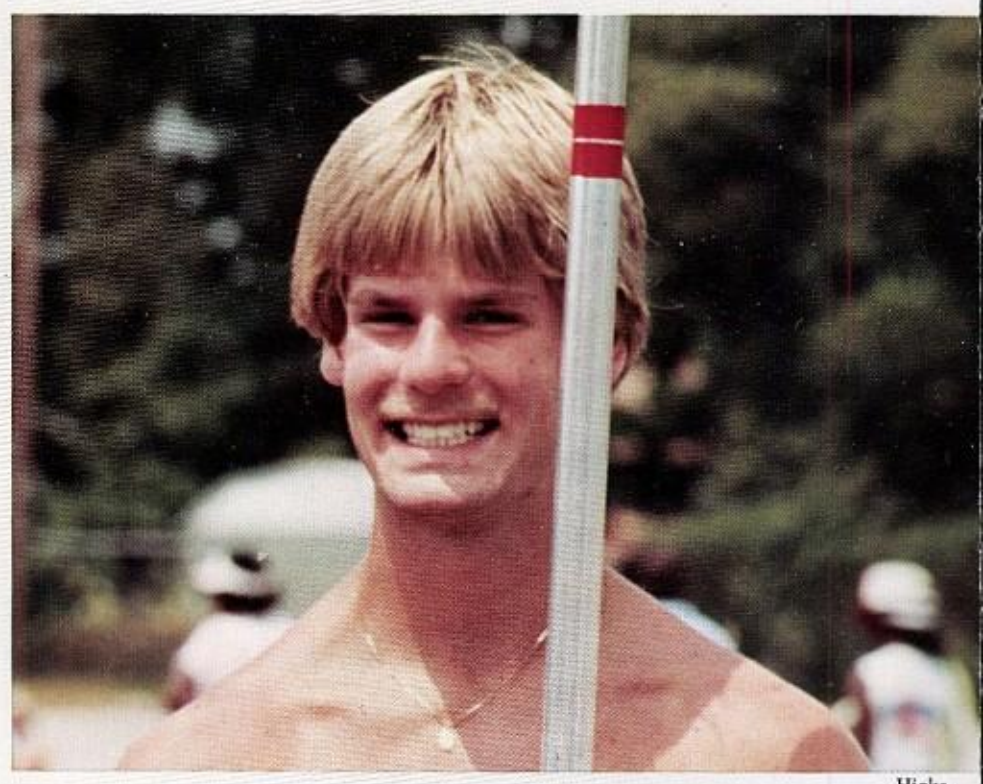
Upon their return, students quickly found that old routines had indeed been changed.

Under a new co-principal plan, students had to learn the difference between instruction and administration to know where to direct their questions. Even students who never before had been tardy found themselves walking into a classroom filled with the wrong people, only to rush out again after realizing that first period preceeds homeroom and begins five minutes earlier.

The real test of the day came when lunchtime rolled around, now shortened to 45 minutes. A few realized quickly they'd never make it to Hardee's and back, so they decided instead of eating out, they'd eat in.

But the most popular part of the new change in pace, everyone agreed, came at the end of the day. For instead of "life" beginning at 3:21, the final bell rang at 3:10. Students could get an 11-minute head start on the best of student life.

—Staff—



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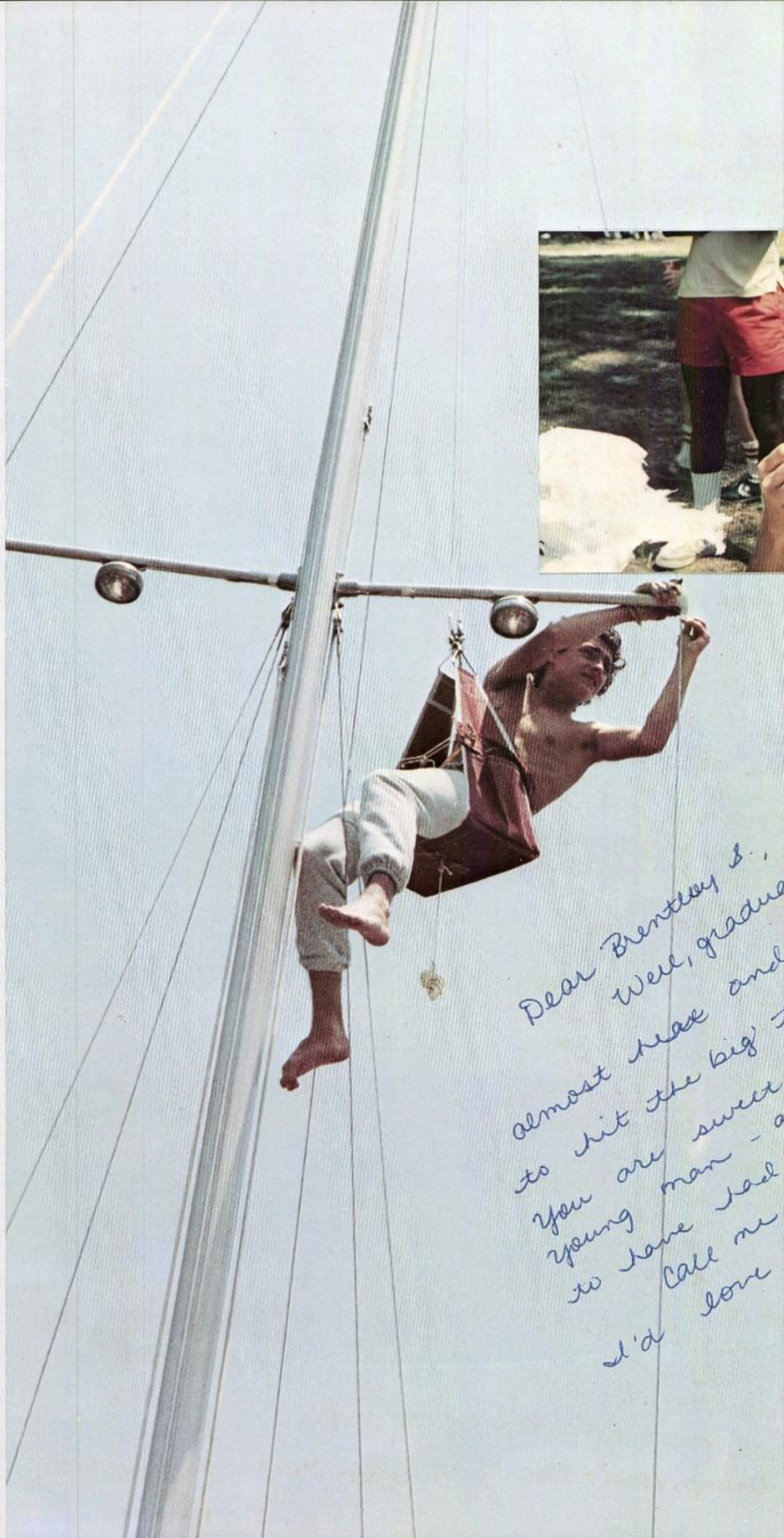
Muttering under his breath, senior Andy Metcalf attempts a smile despite of the sweltering heat of band camp.



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While sweetening junior Todd Dettman's tooth, cotton candy sales also sweetened the band's budget at the annual August fair at City Lake.

Enjoying a nautical high, foreign exchange student Pascal Tourde assists in working on the mast.

Courtesy

Dear Brentley S.,
Well, graduation's almost here and you're about to hit the big trail to Texas. You are sweet and sincere young man - and I'm glad to have had you as a friend. Call me this summer - I'd love to go out!

Love -
Carol
S.
(Carol Scarboro)

Parks

Parvin

The lure of the ancient Parthenon attracts seniors Brad Batchelor, Andy Anderson, Dan Jobe, junior Johnnie Merritt, Mrs. Jane Parvin, alumnus Debbie Thomas, and senior Maureen McBride.

Looking out into a sea of 371 caps and gowns, Mr. Wayne Doll, Mr. Melvin Riddick, Mr. Douglas Watts, and Mrs. Reba Bone prepare to hand out diplomas at the 1984 commencement excercises.

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Students fancy spring activities

Conflicting emotions. Laura King and Reggie Pryor can't hold back the tears as they say goodbye to their high school years.

Lancaster

Spring fever was rampant as just the mention of spring brought anticipation of activities accompanying the close of another school year. Students entered dates on pocket calendars, made plans for Easter excursions, and readied themselves for their club's last bash of the season, all while thoughts of caps, gowns, and diplomas entered the minds of seniors.

Mrs. Jane Parvin, Mrs. Catherine Tedder, and Mr. Vann Cutts accompanied groups of students to Europe.

"The trip to Greece and Italy was great. Mrs. Parvin made it really fun!" said senior Andy Anderson. When asked about the cuisine on the trip, senior Dan Jobe replied, "It was Greek to me, except in Italy, where it was Italian."

Mr. Cutts also took a trip to Greece and Italy, exploring the ancient ruins and other attractions.

"Traveling to foreign countries is one of the most enlightening and inspirational experiences," stated Mrs. Tedder, who took a group to Italy, France, and England.

Some people preferred to stay at home and relax during spring vacation. "I really had a lot of sleep to catch up on," said senior Stephen Locke.

"I had no choice — I had to stay at home because my mother wouldn't let me go out of town," senior Joylette Whitaker said.

On May 4 people had the opportunity to see how many people loved them, as the Latin club delivered May daisies with messages to students and teachers. "May daisies are the happiest things that happen at Senior High! They spread joy and love all over school!" exclaimed Mrs. Nancy Jones, Latin club adviser.

As the year began to wind down, thoughts turned to graduation and that long-awaited moment. "So many thoughts come into your mind when you cross that stage — it's incredible!" alumnus Suzanne Dix reflected.

"It was just so sad seeing all of the seniors graduate. I felt like I was just getting to know them," junior Polly Winstead said.

The last day of school officially ended the spring for students and began summer vacation. Seniors prepared themselves for college, juniors began to call themselves "SENIORS," sophomores got excited because they were no longer tagged "baby sophs," and freshmen began to think of that dreaded first day at RMSH.

Cecily Watson

Daisies do tell! Senior Donna Nevius and junior Polly Winstead, Latin Club members, attach messages before delivering them to homerooms.

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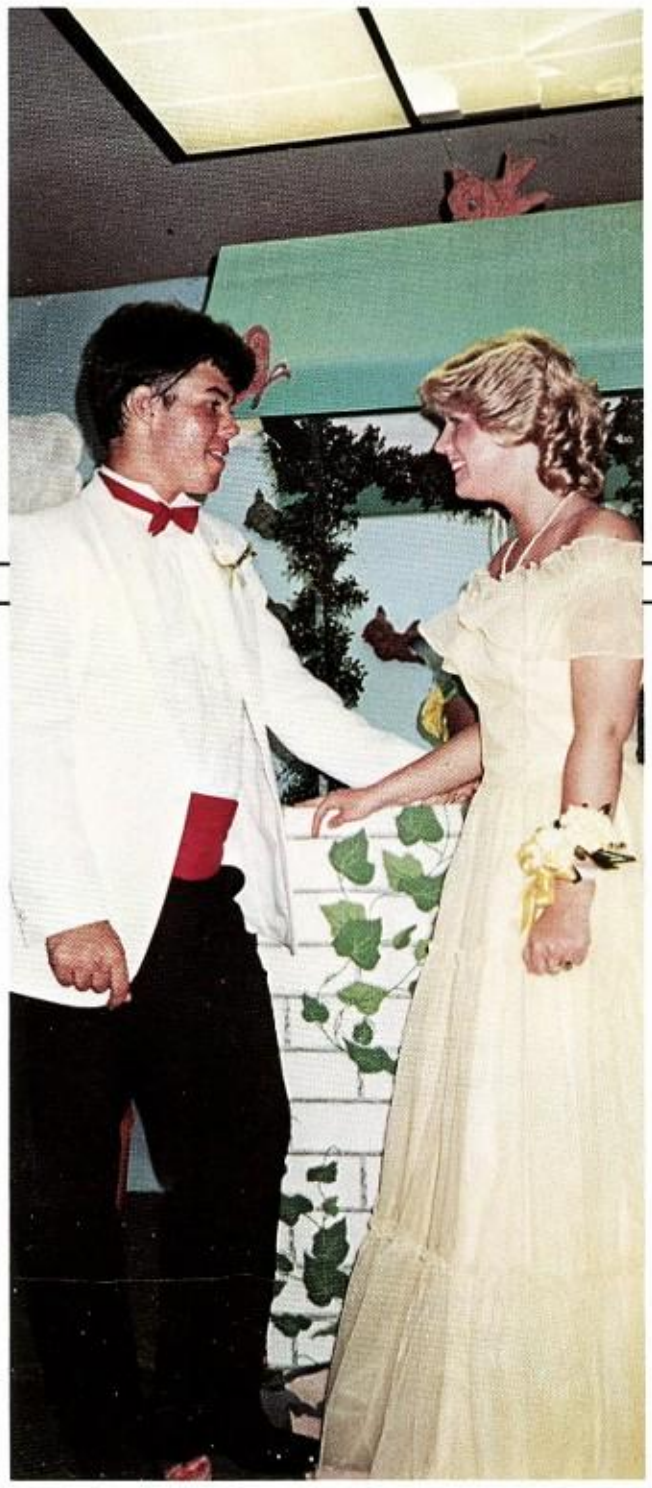
Tarrytown Mall provides perfect opportunity for senior Stephanie Mitchell, Alumnus Terri Overby, junior Joanetta Johnson, and senior Betty Barfield to do public relations work for Health Occupations.

Nothing beats a barbecue. Their mouths watering, seniors Karen Sumner, Mable Hedgepeth, and Reggie Jones can hardly wait for Mr. Guion Davis to finish cooking the pig at the FHA pig-pickin'.

Do wishes really come true? Seniors Jake Parrott and Lee Wimberly pause to chat beside the wishing well in the park created by Mrs. Ann Ruggiero's homeroom. Their common wish is for a successful junior-senior prom.



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Night magic

. . . . a bit of cardboard, scissors, and a dab of paint . . . chicken wire, greenery, and twinkling lights . . . PRESTO-CHANGE-O . . . a tunnel that leads to another world filled with pink elephants and purple caterpillars.

. . . newspaper, flour, water, a bit of paint . . . PRESTO-CHANGE-O . . . Four feet-tall mushrooms with frogs ready to devour any unsuspecting passerby.

. . . a tangle of wires, multi-colored lights, smoke machines, strobes and disc jockey Rick Reynolds to plug them into an electrical outlet . . . PRESTO-CHANGE-O . . . Fireworks to dance by.

. . . a 100-pound camouflaged parachute, Mr. Timmy Tucker, Mr. Bill Hudkins, muscle-bound junior boys . . . PRESTO-CHANGE-O . . . a canopy of green to catch the glimmer of the rotating mirror ball.

A definite mood was created as Tightrope performed everything from "Beat It" to "Jailhouse Rock."

The swing into spring was indeed a backwards one as gals invited guys to the social committee's annual T.W.I.R.P. Dance.

"I liked being asked to the dance because it just made me feel good," senior Matthew Westcott said.

Another bit of magic occurred as ingenious girls turned their mothers' attics inside out for a truly classic semi-formal dress. Alumnus Beth Mauldin met her date in a pink, calf-length concoction that had served as her mother's wedding dress.

" I found a beautiful dress in my grandmother's attic," senior Rainey Astin said. "Why waste money when these clothes are so much nicer than the ones available today?"

It took more than magic to turn the gym and student commons into a world of "Fantasia" for the junior-senior prom. Junior class advisers Martha Lewis and Linda Williams joined forces with juniors and their homeroom teachers and, after more than 1000 man-hours, transformed bare areas into a fantasy world.

"When we first started putting up the decorations, I didn't think they would look too good, but that night they looked great," senior Donna Williford said.

An arbor and tunnel of greenery and twinkling lights led couples to the dance floor. Three hundred brilliantly colored balloons, tied to the wrists of dancers, bobbed slowly or bounced crazily according to the tempo of the music.

By Saturday morning all traces of magic had vanished. The clean-up crews depended upon sheer muscle power to roll up the parachute, pull down the murals, and clear the debris. Even Coach Bob Hudkins panted after carrying his share of forty tables and 160 chairs back to the cafeteria.

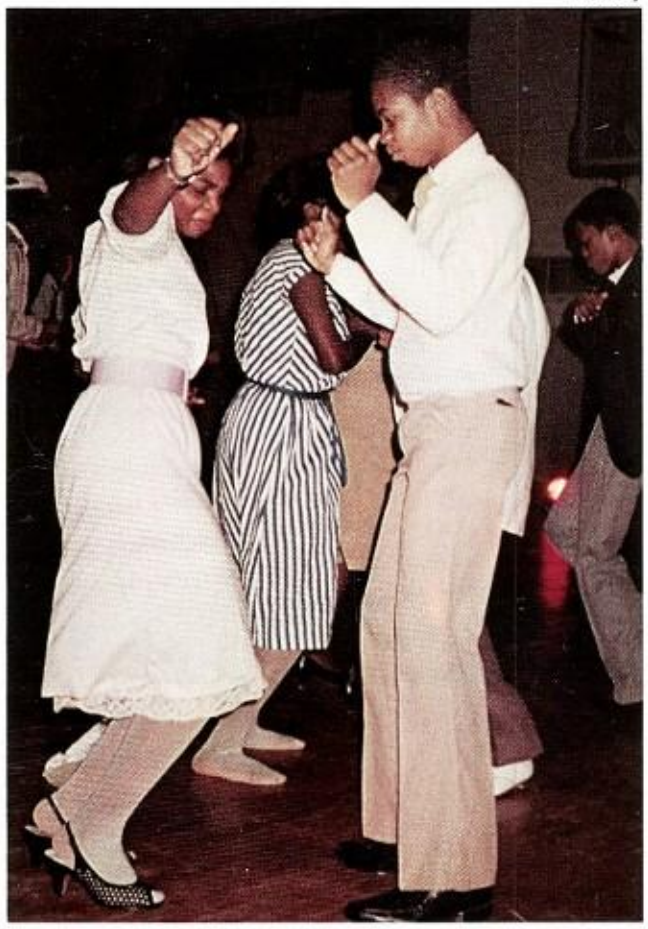
"Even if the class of '85 did do it, that was the best dance I have ever been to!" exclaimed one senior as he walked into his English class on Monday morning. A dozen voices promptly echoed his observation.

All in all, spring nights offered various diversions . . .

A bit of romance? . . . Maybe . . .

A little magic ? . . . Definitely.

Lea Daughtridge



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Getting down at the T.W.I.R.P. Dance, junior Georgette Williams moves to the beat of Michael Jackson with partner, Sam Dunston.

Pausing for a refreshing drink, senior Billy Edmondson refills his glass from the sparkling fountain. A unique centerpiece for this special night, a three-tiered cake baked, designed, and completed by Mrs. Carolyn Grantham and her home economics students, congratulates the class of 1984.

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It takes work to create a fantasy. So discovers senior Sam Watts as he relieves the clown in blowing up helium balloons. More than 300 ballons sold at 25-cents each until the helium ran out. Next time the balloons will certainly cost more. Inflation, you know.

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The magic becomes infectious. Darkness and light, movement and color, combine to create a dance-floor fantasy as seniors, juniors, and sprinkling of sophomores sway to the beat of Tightrope.

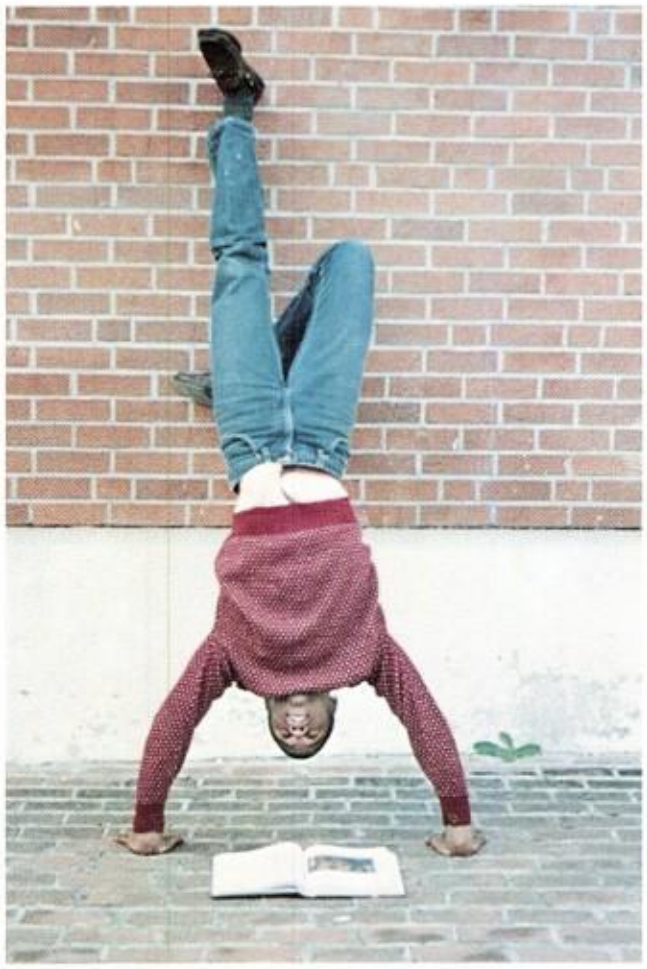
L.Hastings

A nail here, a tack there. Seniors Lea Daughtridge, Alicia Johnson, Kevin Hicks, Donna Bazzle, and Renee Fountain pause in the middle of decorating for the prom. The end product results in a light-studded tunnel of greenery.

Turning brown in the summer sun, senior Steve Armstrong keeps his eye open for swimmers in danger. Steve's job as lifeguard at Sunset pool includes keeping the pool clean as well as lifeguarding.

Johnson

I know "The Canterbury Tales" inside and out. Senior James Arrington attempts to prove that he really is ready for his sixth period English test.



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Summer fun — inside and out

For some students summer was a dream come true. For others, it was just two months of parties, work, late curfews, dates, the beach, and sleeping late.

The beach was the most popular place for spending time. "I spent most of my summer there," said sophomore Paige Parker. "It was great."

"I went to both sandbar parties. I had a festive time with all my Rocky Mount friends and met some interesting people," senior Joe Fish said.

A few students traveled to France and Germany, but most stayed near home, going to King's Dominion, sleeping or watching soap operas.

Sophomore Wendy Minor said, "I went on the western tour and visited Las Vegas, San Francisco, and the Grand Canyon in Arizona."

"I spent most of my summer working at the Atlantis Seafood Restaurant serving shrimp and stuff," junior Lisa Cooper said. "It was fun because many of my friends also worked there." While many chose jobs inside, a few served as lifeguards. "My most rewarding experience was saving a little boy from drowning," said senior Marti Mucci.

The lower field and parking lot became practicing grounds for the number one band in the nation as they prepared to defend their title.

As the opening of school drew near, senioritis struck, turning sophomore's lives upside down. Seniors taunted the baby sophs when they showed up at junior and senior parties. Although the continuing tradition was all in fun, many of the sophomores were intimidated by the self-proclaimed "Mighty Class of '85."

As everyone eased back into school, summer vacation faded into a memory, and students found themselves back into the old routine. By the end of the first week, students were already planning for next summer.

—Kimberly Bulluck

Hicks

Oh, shucks! Senior Kevin Hicks spends precious summer hours helping his mother with the household chores as twin brother Ken takes a camera break.

Johnson

Taking a break from their Bible study convention, Elizabeth Looney, Jimmy Weeks, junior Keven Smith and senior Rainey Astin use volleyball to stay in shape physically as well as mentally.

Hicks

Sweltering heat and high humidity give juniors Mary Cerjan, Ashely Ayers, and Chantal Wright an excuse for a well-deserved break from band camp drudgery.

Tradition goes on

The tradition goes on.

The first day of school ... seniors ... putting the two together was explosive! Evidence of the new senior class showed everywhere: "Seniors dominate ... Seniors do it right ... Go home, sophs ... '86 still don't mix ... Class of 85 ...," all of these expressions displayed on various banners around the school let everyone know who the class of 85 was.

Choruses of "I don't know, but I've been told ..." and "Seniors! ... Seniors! ... "were heard everwhere on the campus. Everyone in the vicinity noted that the seniors had truly arrived as parades of cars, pick-up trucks, and jeeps filled with seniors wheeled around Rocky Mount.

Proclaiming their superioity, they yelled and screamed at the top of their lungs, while continuously taunting the lower classmen.

Senior Sandra Powell felt a bit differently about the first day, describing it as merely, "Chaotic!"

Sophomores had to fend for themselves around lunchtime unless they happened upon a considerate senior who remembered how he felt as a sophomore. Most seniors headed for their favorite lunchtime munching spot.

" I was scared to death that I would not find a ride to lunch!" exclaimed sophomore Wendy Minor.

"I told any sophomores who wanted to ride with me to lunch that ... they would have to sit in the back seat and be very quiet!" senior George Brown said.

The class of 86 showed that they were glad to be off the bottom rung of the Gryphon ladder. While the juniors made signs and showed a great deal of spirit, they left most of the yelling and screaming to the seniors.

"We had a great time decorating our cars and parading to school, but we tried to be cool about it so we wouldn't interfere with the seniors' fun. We just wanted to show everyone that we had some spirit too, but the seniors were much more enthusiastic about it!" said junior Tonia Grooms.

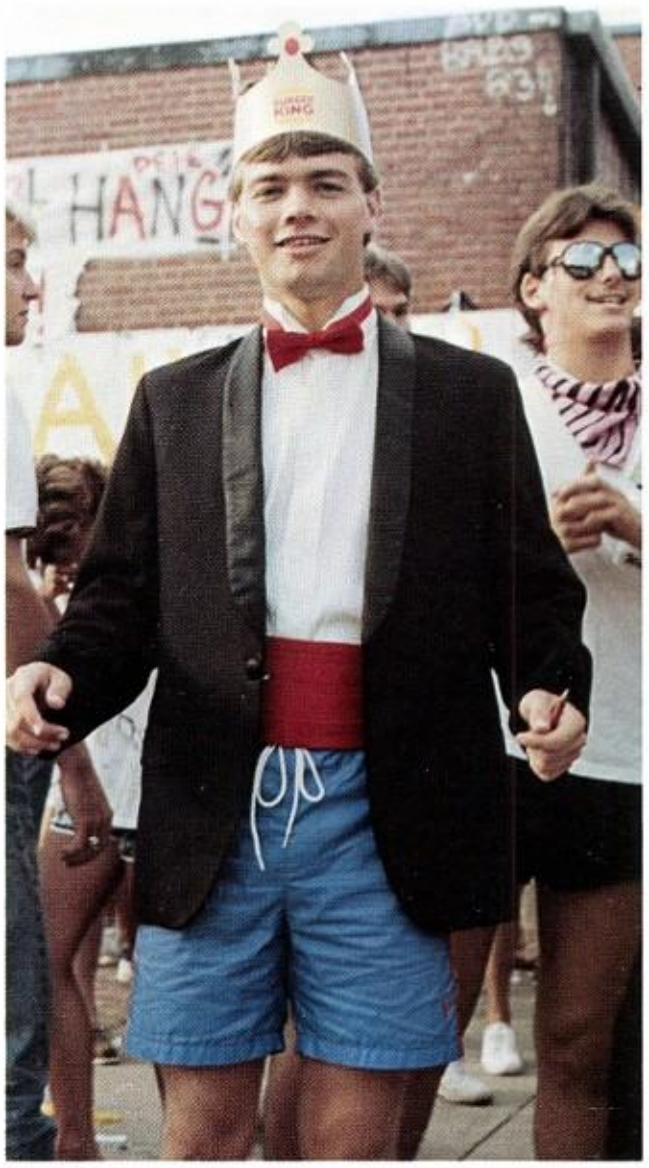
"It was boring being a junior on that day. The seniors were so excited and were having so much fun!" junior Ron Hamm said.

By the second day, the uproar had calmed considerably. Tee-shirts, tuxedo tops, and banners found their way into closets, while sophomores learned to avoid the "elevator" and "swimming pool." Everyone fell into the normal routine, but the impressions of that first day remained imprinted on the minds of all students.

The traditions continue.

Cecily Watson

With a bit more sophistication and style than some of his classmates, senior Ricky Parks reveals how proud and excited he is to be a senior through his dress. The rest of the class of '85 choses to be a bit more casual in tee-shirts and shorts.



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Looks like it might be time to call in the "sophbusters" if tenth graders make any trouble this year. Seniors Jodi Henke, Johnnie Umphlet, and Peirson Lane will come to the aid at any time.

Senioritis has struck again! Infected, obviously, are seniors Tanya Weaver, Antonia Fox, Shannon Gallagher, Kimberly Bulluck, and Alicia Johnson.

Screaming from the rooftop, members of the class of '85 do not yet realize that their real challenge comes when they have to climb down a rickety ladder.

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Having lots of fun while parading around Rocky Mount streets, seniors Stan Hardesty, Cindy Williams, Stephanie Overton, Pam Sewell, and Marti Mucci try to hold on as senior Joe Fish zips around town in his convertible.

A stream of 22 cars proved to be a real traffic stopper, or maybe it was the seniors who helped out by directing traffic themselves.

Juniors, too, had to get in on the act. Michael Walkers' Volkswagen sports the class where his loyalties lie.

Hicks

Hicks

While most of their friends remain asleep, senior Angela Franklin and junior Sharon Pittman perfect their jumps at 8:00 in the morning.

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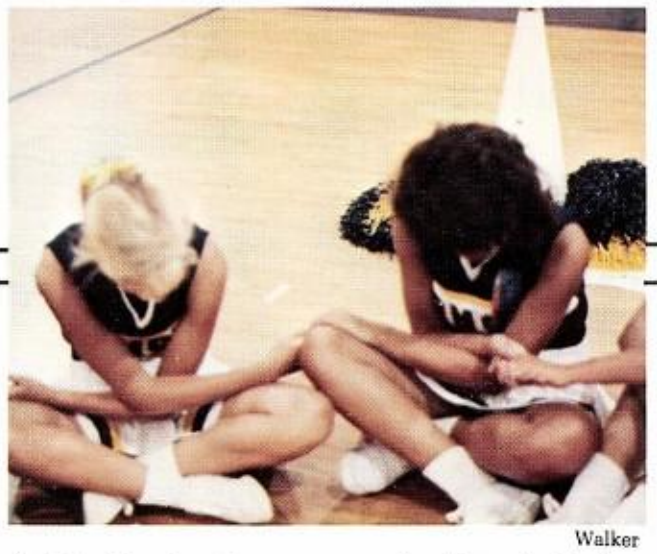
"Only the strong survive!" The senior class leads the way at the pep rally of the season in their creative banner.



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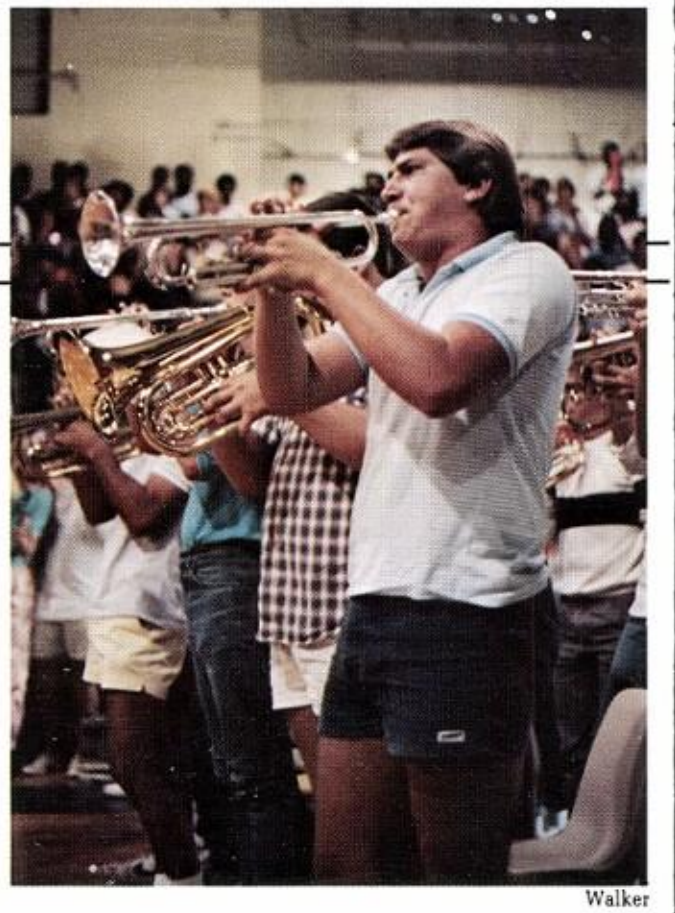
Joining together in prayer, senior Katurah Hartley and junior Polly Winstead release all their nervousness and tension of the first pep rally.

Blaring out "I'm So Glad!" Senior Clay Wagner joins the pep band in arousing the crowd's enthusiasm.



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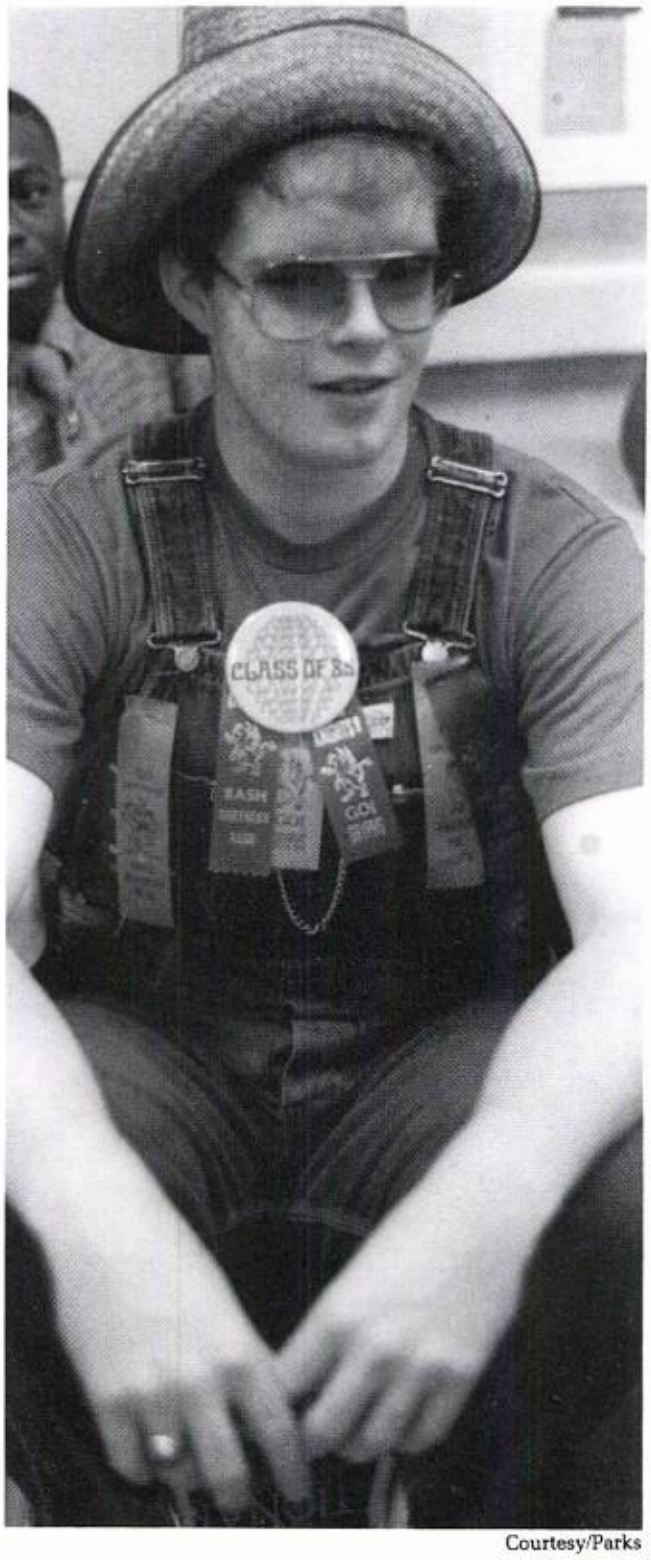
Is that a Northern Nash fan with Rocky Mount Senior High ribbons on? No, that is senior Carter Edgeworth dressed as a "hick" on school spirit day sponsored by the SRA.



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Pep rally Spirit explodes . . .

"Smash Northern Nash . . . smash Northern Nash!" cheered the students, teachers, pep band, and cheerleaders from the tops of their lungs. Enthusiasm and involvement at pep rallies exploded.

"The student body's enthusiasm and involvement was super," said senior Dean Beabout. At the beginning of the pep rally, the sophomores climbed to the top of the bleachers, the juniors stopped in the middle, and the seniors cheered on the floor. Although the classes were separated physically, all classes cheered together as one.

"The pep rallies this year have really been exciting because each of the three classes finally came together as **one** group to support **our** team," said senior Gwen Taylor.

"We finally pulled together as a school," senior Clay Wagner said.

The involvement of everybody made the pep rallies complete.

"The cheerleaders do an excellent job at keeping the spirit up," said Clay Wagner.

"It wasn't just the cheerleaders or the pep band or the crowd; it was everybody's joining together," senior Dean Beabout said.

"Totally awesome, extraordinary, beautiful," is what senior Greg Ezzell thought of the pep rallies.

Passing out bags to pop and start the pep rally off with a bang, involving students and players in the skits, presenting the spirit stick to the most enthusiastic homeroom, and dressing up before a pep rally kept everyone involved.

"This school can really throw down at pep rallies," said sophomore David Ess.

"I think the idea of dressing up on the days of pep rallies is a good idea. It puts you more in the spirit of what's going on," senior Cindy Williams said.

"If the whole world were like an RMSH pep rally, it would be a better place in which to live," concluded senior Ron Whitehead.

"Pep rallies have one explicit purpose — to fire up the crowd and encourage the team. It's no easy task planning something to please everyone and still accomplishing its purpose. Sometimes it seems impossible and everyone's ready to give up, forget it and go home and cry, but somehow it always seems to come together. It's that Gryphon spirit, I guess, pulling everyone together," varsity cheerleader Rainey Astin said.

Alicia Johnson

Walker/Hicks

Seniors, are they? Being sure that the rest of the school knows they are seniors, Katherine Wiggins and Michelle White cheer with all their might at the Northern Nash pep rally.

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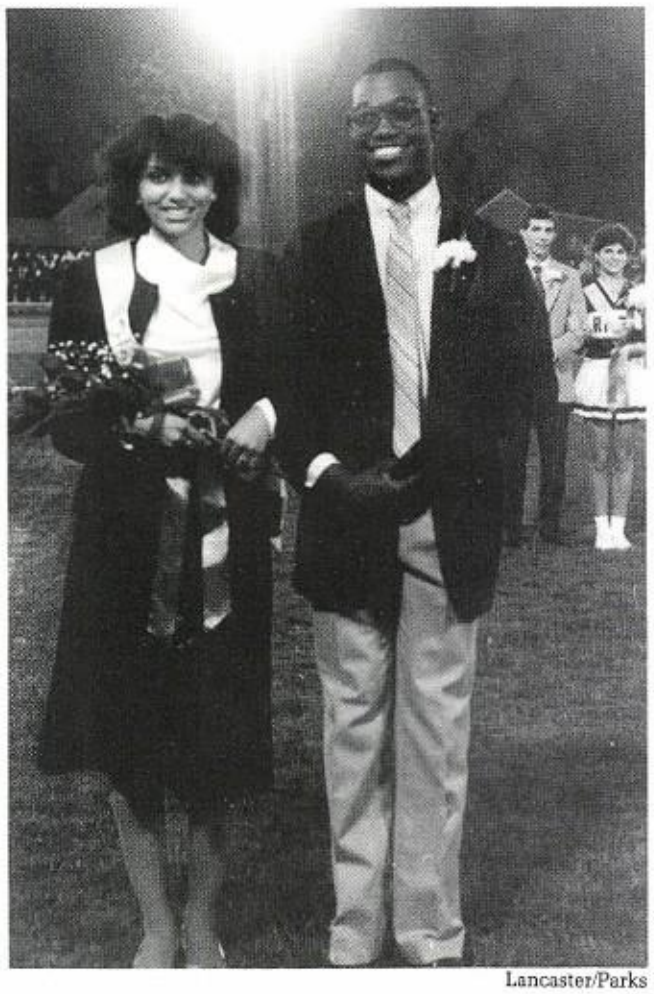
Northern Nash or Rocky Mount Senior High? Dressing as "hicks" for the Northern Nash pep rally arouses spirit for the big game against our biggest rival.



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Senior Homecoming queens are Kim Durant, escorted by senior Antonia Fox and Carmen Coley, escorted by senior Ken Hicks.

Members of the 1984-85 Homecoming court are: Denita Hicks, Kim Bunn, Reggell Pryor, Carmen Coley, Kim Durant, Kathryn Fisher, Sharon Allen, and Cissie Eagles. The court is presented roses by the Phalanx club members after a long day of nervous anticipation, pep rallies, and congratulatory wishes.

. . . Until Homecoming day

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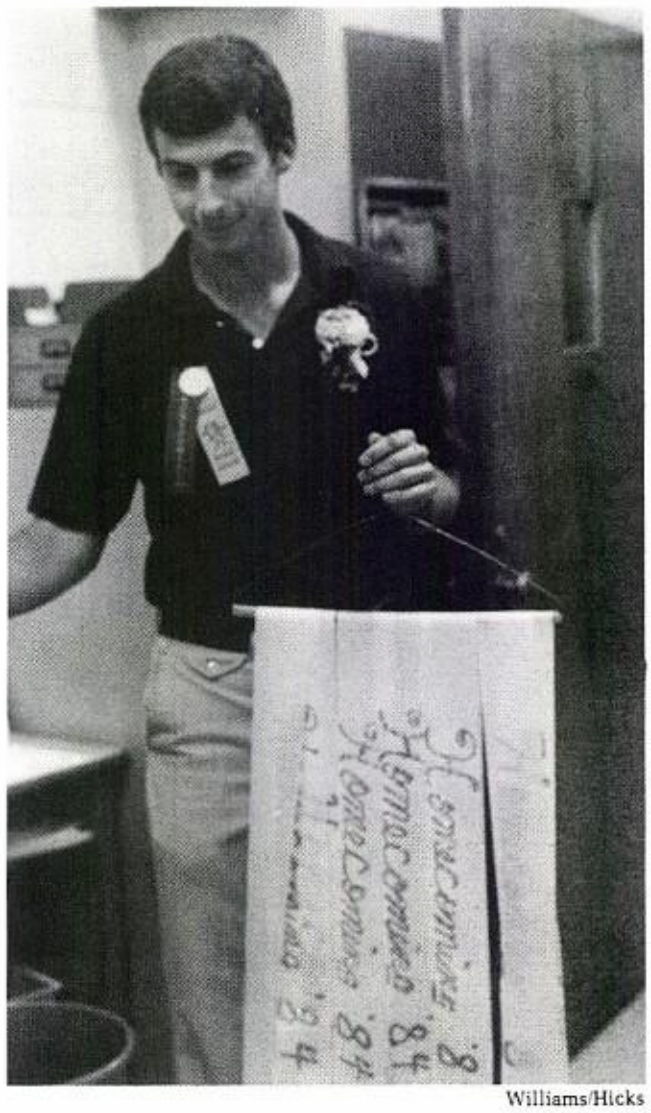

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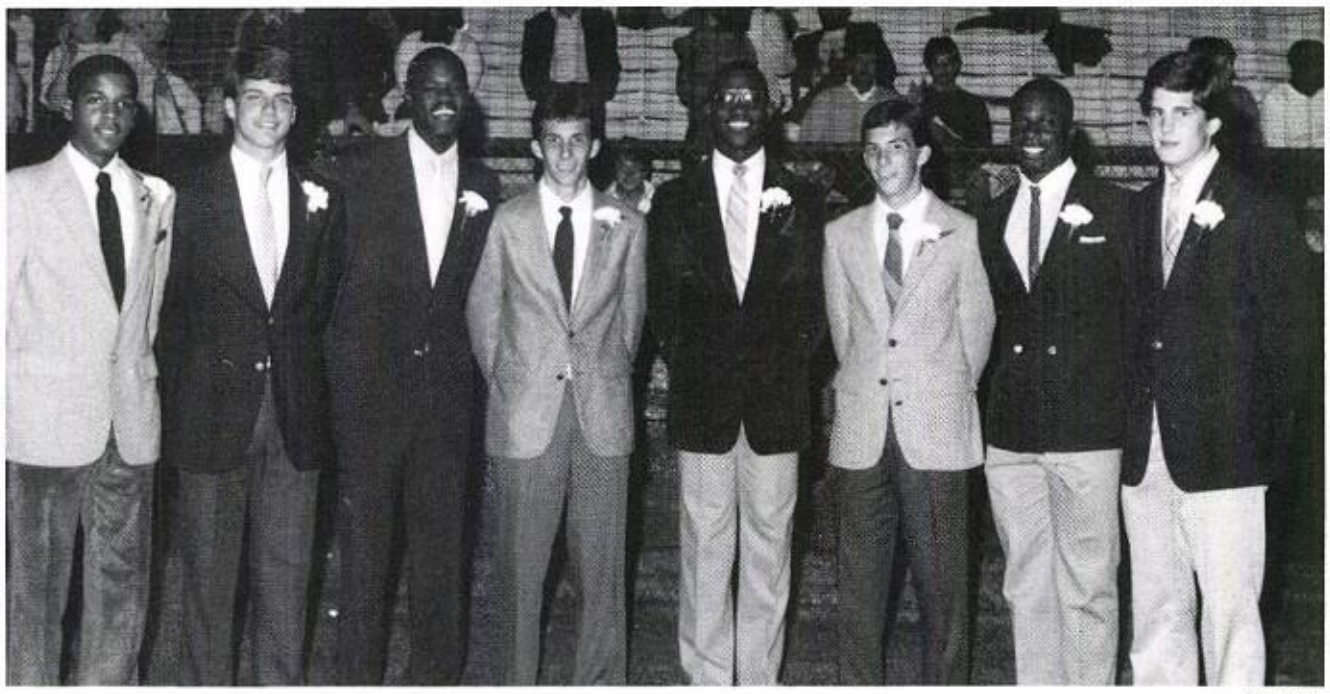
Careful not to let the ribbons touch the ground, Phalanx club adviser Timmy Tucker hopes his hours of preparation will result in a homecoming ceremony that will be flawless.



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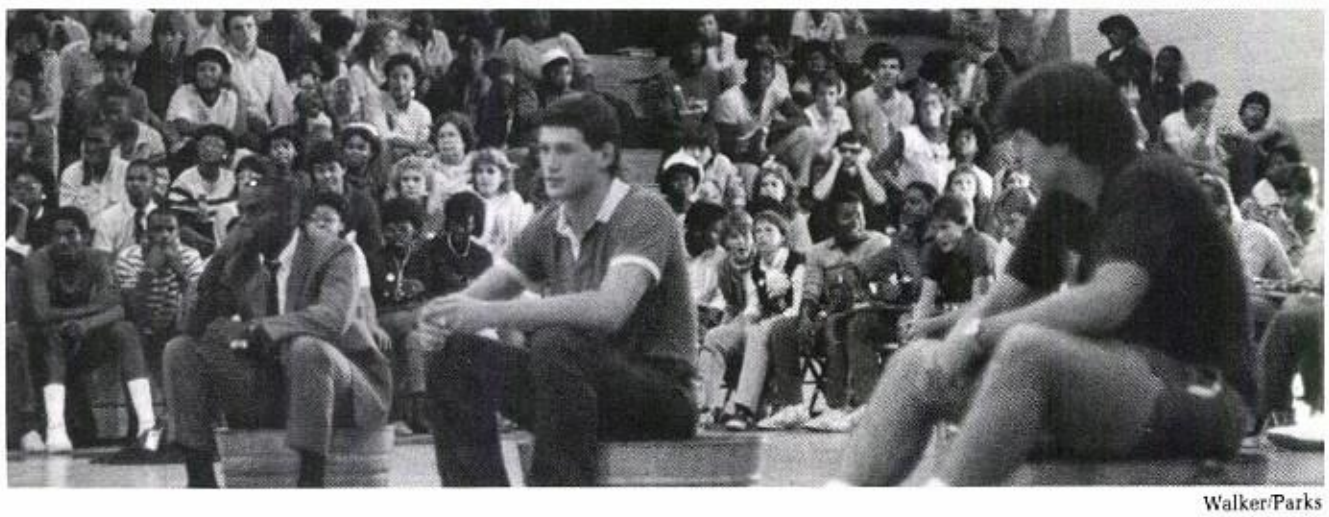
Which sophomore is the cutest baby? Baby day provides an opportunity for sophomores to wear their most juvenile attire.



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Phalanx club escorts for the homecoming court are: Lance Williams, Keven Smith, Mike Silver, Ken Hicks, Antonia Fox, Kevin Hicks, Shelton Grant, and Jay Jolly.

On the rocks. Connell Pitts, Michael Doyle, and Joe Angello try to remain seated on their icy thrones. They manage to stay put for longer than usual because of the unseasonably warm weather on homecoming day.

Don't you just hate it when you rush to be the first one to get to the parking lot and you're the last one to leave?

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Don't you just hate it when you decorate all day for the junior-senior and you don't have a date? Darrell Leonard is all smiles, so he must have a date!

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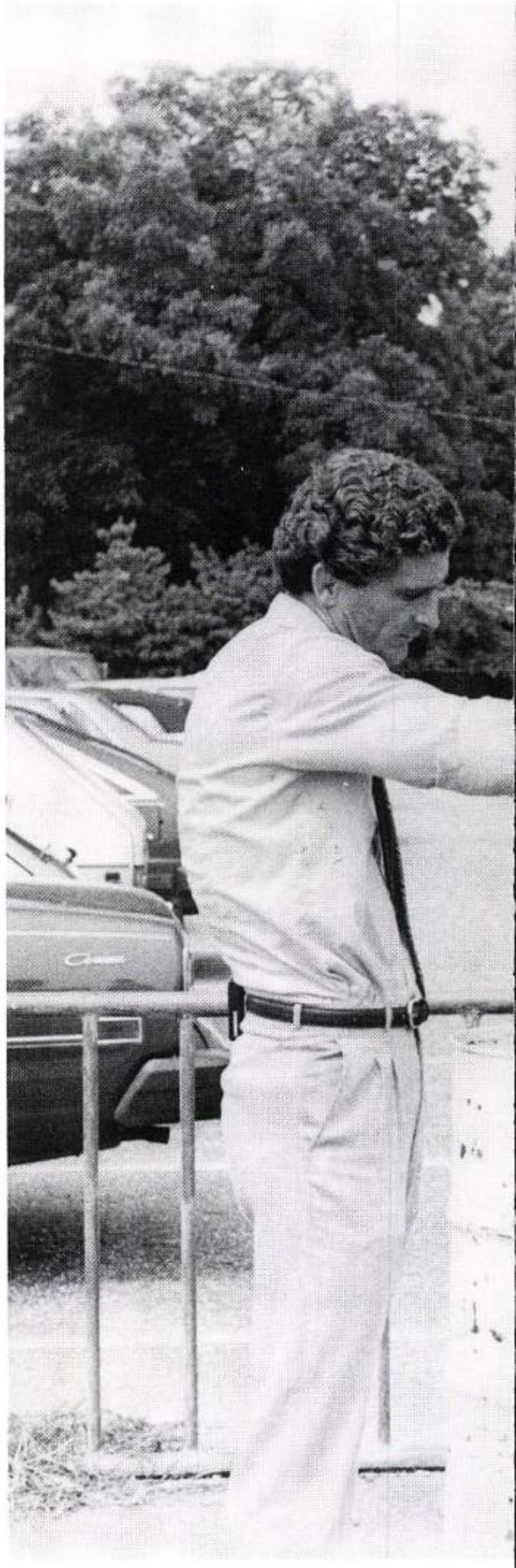

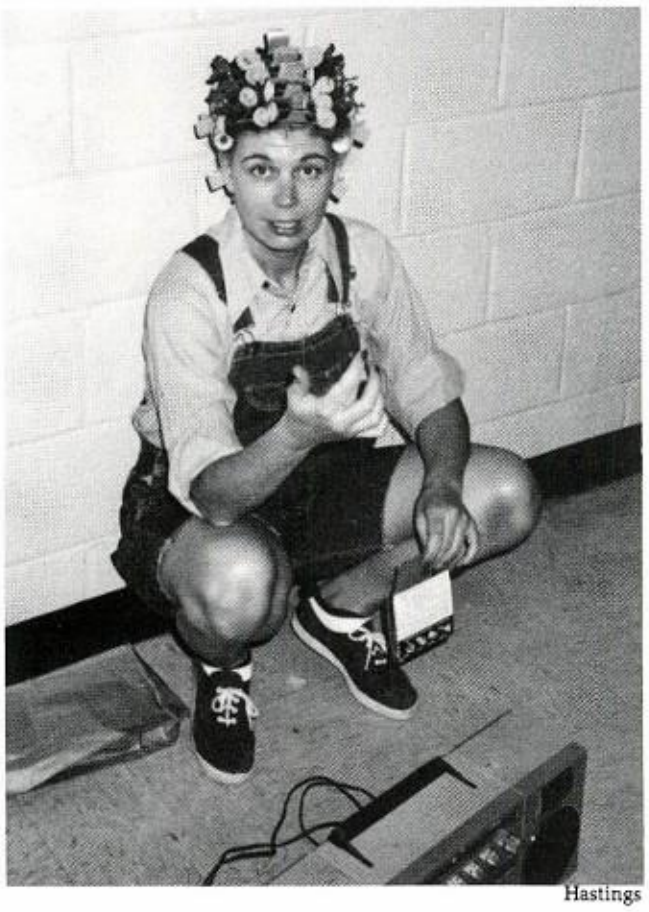

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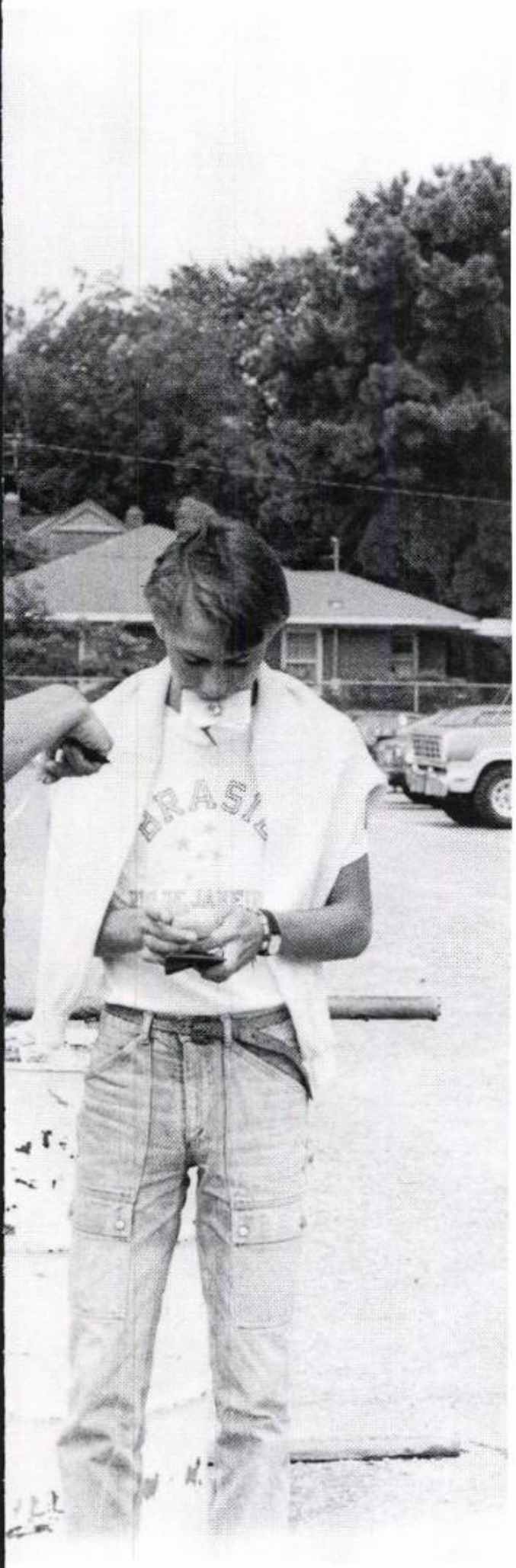
Don't you just hate it when you try to be inconspicuous and someone sticks a camera in your face? Ms. Carol Taylor does her best to work into the wee hours of the morning the night before the junior-senior and still be ready for the morning's work.

Don't you just hate it when the balloon simply will not burst and 1400 screaming students are yelling at you to "sit on it!" Cheerleaders Joy Sallenger and Katurah Hartley look on as Jerome Bulluck attempts the balloon one more time.

Walker

DON'T YOU JUST HATE IT WHEN...



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You study for two hours for a chapter test only to find out five minutes before the test that you read the wrong chapter? . . . you display a fresh face full of zits the day before the junior-senior prom? . . . you find out you're getting your braces off, but not until the week **after** pictures are taken?

. . . someone gets a 99 on a midterm exam and complains?

. . . you decide to take a little road trip without your parents' permission and your car breaks down?

. . . the biggest geek in school asks you out and you don't have any plans for that weekend?

. . . you walk down the hall with toilet paper stuck in your shoe?

. . . you and your girlfriend break up four days before homecoming?

. . . you withdraw $25.00 from your bank account and later realize that you only had $3.42 to begin with?

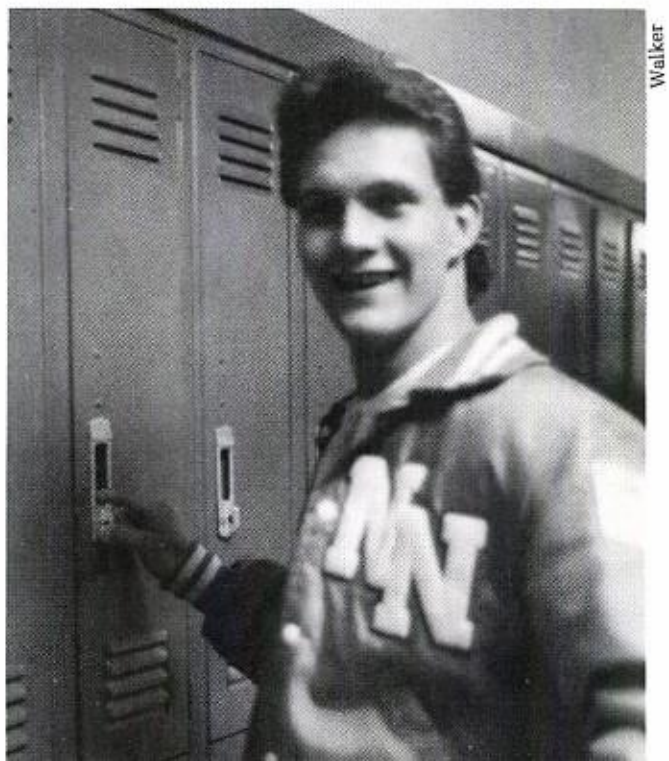
. . . the biggest game of the season is three days away and you sprain your ankle?

. . . you have three **mandatory** club meetings and football practice on the same day?

. . . you're late for homeroom and just as you break into a sprint to beat the bell, you run smack into Mr. Riddick?

. . . you decide to have this great party while your parents are out of town and they decide to come home a day early?

. . . you get this great homecoming corsage and it falls apart into your dinner plate?



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. . . you're in the dentist's chair with slobber dripping out of your mouth and the person you've been dying to go out with walks by and starts talking to you?

. . . you study for three hours for one test and fail it and for ten minutes on another one and make a 100?

. . . you like someone who talks only of going out with your best friend?

. . . you take a whole roll of pictures only to find out that film had been previously exposed?

. . . you have front row seats to the biggest concert of the year and you get grounded?

. . . you find the perfect prom dress and discover at the prom that three other girls thought it was perfect, too?

. . . you put your wallet on your tray at lunch and accidently dump it in the trash?

. . . you have to come to school and take a test on a teacher workday?

. . . you have a flat tire in the rain?

. . . you go on a diet and your mom bakes a big batch of your favorite cookies?

. . . the thermometer reads 95 degrees and the clock says it's 6:30 and you have to go to an all-day band practice?

. . . you walk down the hall blowing this great bubble and Mr. Davis turns the corner?

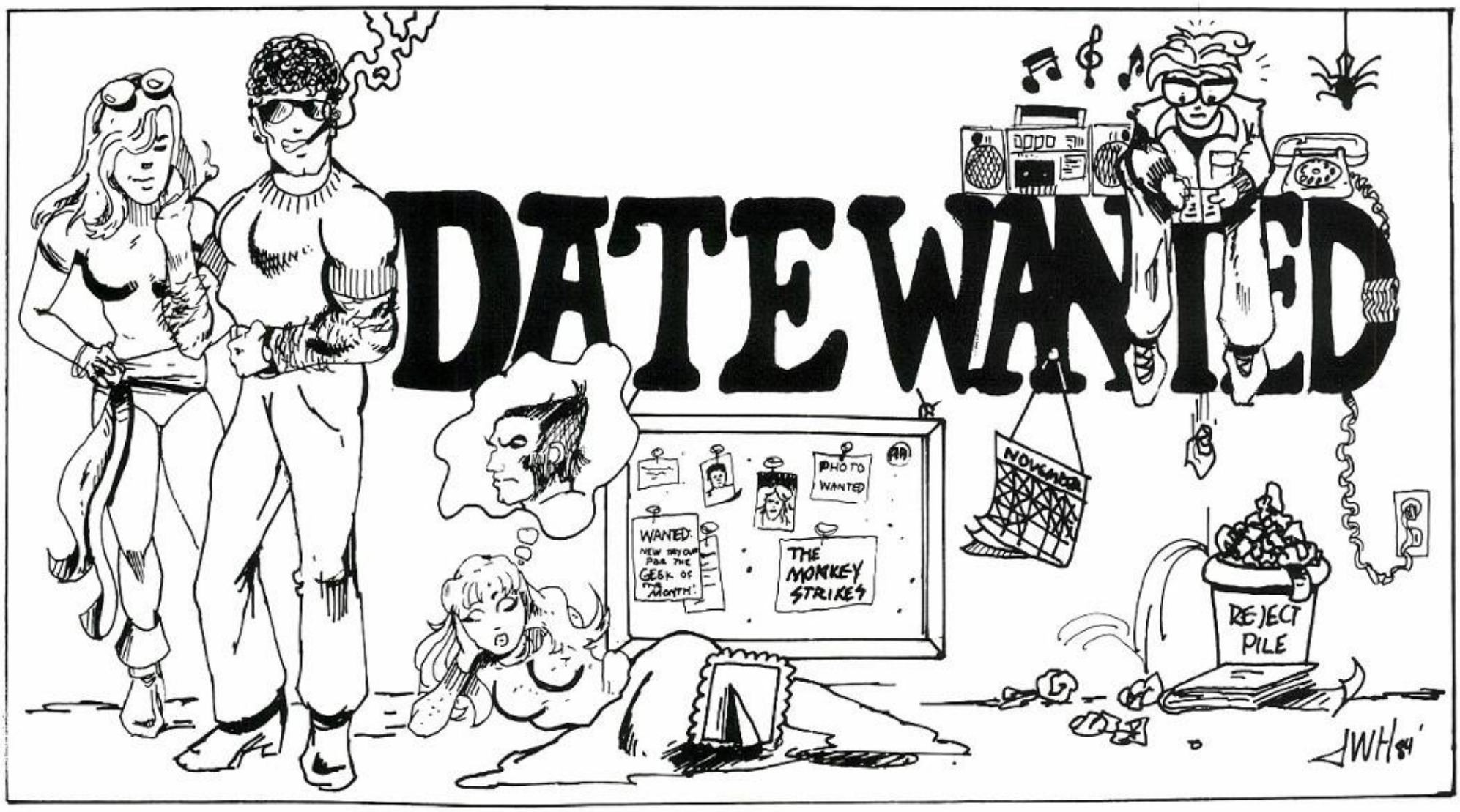
. . . you have all of the right answers to a test inside your jacket and the teacher secretly gives you another test.

. . . you finally get a locker on the top row right next to your homeroom and it won't open? . . . your parents read all of the comments that people have written in your **Hi-Noc-Ar** and you get grounded for all the things that you didn't bother to tell them that you did that year?

Cecily Watson

Don't you just hate it when you arrive at your first day of high school in the United States after leaving Brazil and getting in trouble shortly afterwards? Foreign exchange student Ivo Gomes learns that failure to have a lunch permit results in one-hour detention from Assistant Principal Stan Bastian.

Don't you just hate it when your classmates talk you into wearing your Northern Nash jacket to school and a photographer snaps you in it? Senior John Wachowicz still wears his jacket with pride.



WANTED: A nice, young, handsome, man between 18 and 23. Must be neat, clean, well educated, have money, and have traveled the world.

— Ms. Battle, junior

WANTED: Female, age 16 with above average smarts, blonde or medium brown hair, a nice "tan," medium to a little below medium height, lovely intriguing eyes, wonderful sense of humor, happy, semi-athletic, but not a decathalon winner. Good figure, health oriented, semi-independent, outgoing. NO BUMS, NO BORES!

— Brently S. Kirkham, senior

WANTED: Male, nice looking (GQ will do), at least 17 years old. Someone who will take me to a nice restaurant in Raleigh and then to Julian's.

— Cindy Williams, senior

WANTED: An attractive, intelligent, sensitive, not-so-young lady. Must be available on Friday nights. Can get started right away.

— Marcus Leathers, senior

WANTED: A mature male between 18 and 23 years old. Must be interested in going water skiing, swimming, and to Atlantic Beach.

— Laura Haste, senior

WANTED: A relatively short guy with a great personality. Must be willing to take me out to eat and to a movie or a game.

— Becky Astin, sophomore

WANTED: Male, 16 or older, preferably older. Dark wavy hair, expressive eyes. Must be able to treat me like a lady. Have a good sense of humor and average to above average IQ. I would like somebody who enjoys simple things like just watching TV or talking. I prefer somebody athletic. (Baseball players)

— Katurah Hartley, senior

Lea Daughtridge

Strolling through the student commons on the night of the junior-senior prom, senior Alicia Johnson and alumnus McIver Garrison pause to smile at the clown behind the camera.

Daughtridge/Parks

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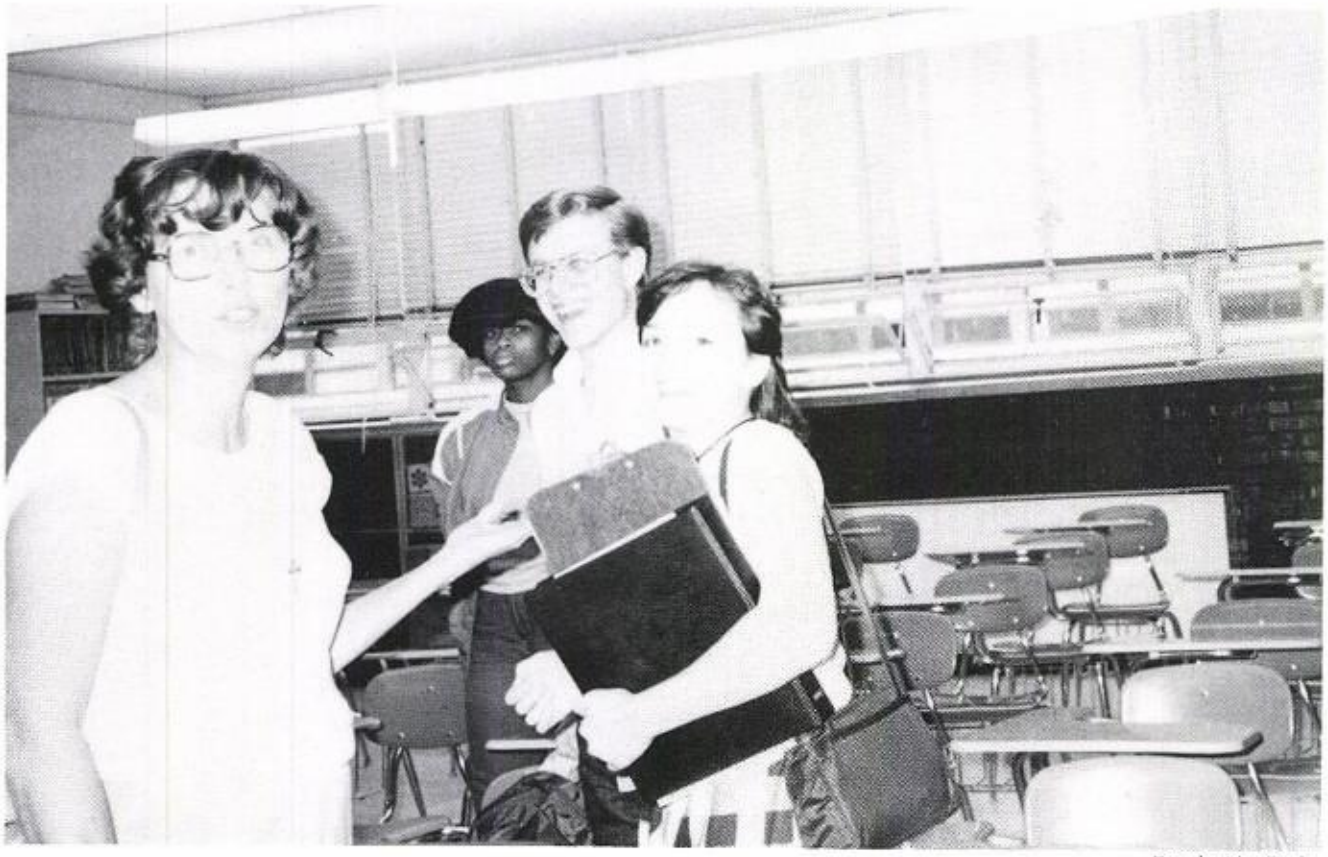
A corner on the 200 hall provides a perfect spot for senior Johnnie Umphlet and sophomore Karen Gosch to catch up on the days events.

Finally receiving the phone call she has been waiting for, senior Marti Mucci enjoys a long phone conversation with that special guy she has had her eye on.



Daughtridge/Parks

"Now look at these two cuties; don't they just make the most darlin' couple?" Mrs. Hardy exclaims about senior Dan Jobe and junior Amy Ruggiero. Mrs. Betty Hardy has been known for her matchmaking.

Taking advantage of a quiet spot, senior Sean Bethea makes his move on senior Monica Card. Couples can always be spotted in places like these.

Johnson/Parks

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Weekends are made for . . .

When? Where? What time? Beyond the hustle and bustle of six classes, students looked for various forms of entertainment. For some, clubs, band, or sports added enough spice, but others looked further to find some exciting way to spend their 115 hours per week away from school.

Attending a movie, always a popular source of entertainment, stretched the wallet to the tune of $4.00 per ticket. But most students found room in their budget to see Prince's **Purple Rain.**

"I went to see **Purple Rain** because I wanted to see Prince perform. I wanted mostly to hear the great music," said junior Anita Pittman.

Another option, Dandy's Game Center, provided fun, a chance to gossip, and an opportunity to play games with other classmates.

"I usually go to Dandy's when there is nothing else to do. I like it because it is a place I can go and see all of my friends. We usually leave from there and go to a party or something," senior Cindy Williams said.

Still others often enjoyed a meal out at Mama Jean's or Hardee's. Even eating couldn't fill every weekend hour, so students sought entertainment elsewhere at times.

Thirty rolls of Charmin', dark clothes, a strong arm, and a fast get-away car provided recreation for one certain group on several evenings. Yes, toilet paper provided a source of fun outside the bathroom.

"When we woke up on Sunday morning, we thought we had been hit by a blizzard, but it was only a decorating job by the C.C. (alias, Casual Clan)," said Spanish teacher Jane Parvin about the rolling job done on her house.

Saturday, normally a day reserved for sleeping late, gave students an opportunity to relax and to participate in individual activities.

"On Saturday's I usually go to Chapel Hill to see my girlfriend and we go to a football game or to a party," senior Matthew Wescott said.

Teacher workdays were always long awaited holidays. When they came on Friday's or Monday's students were able to enjoy a long three-day weekend. Some students just relaxed while others used the spare time to work and earn some money.

"Over the three day weekend in the fall, I rested and recovered from the first nine weeks of school. I also read a romance novel and played in the leaves with my niece," said senior Marcia Coleman.

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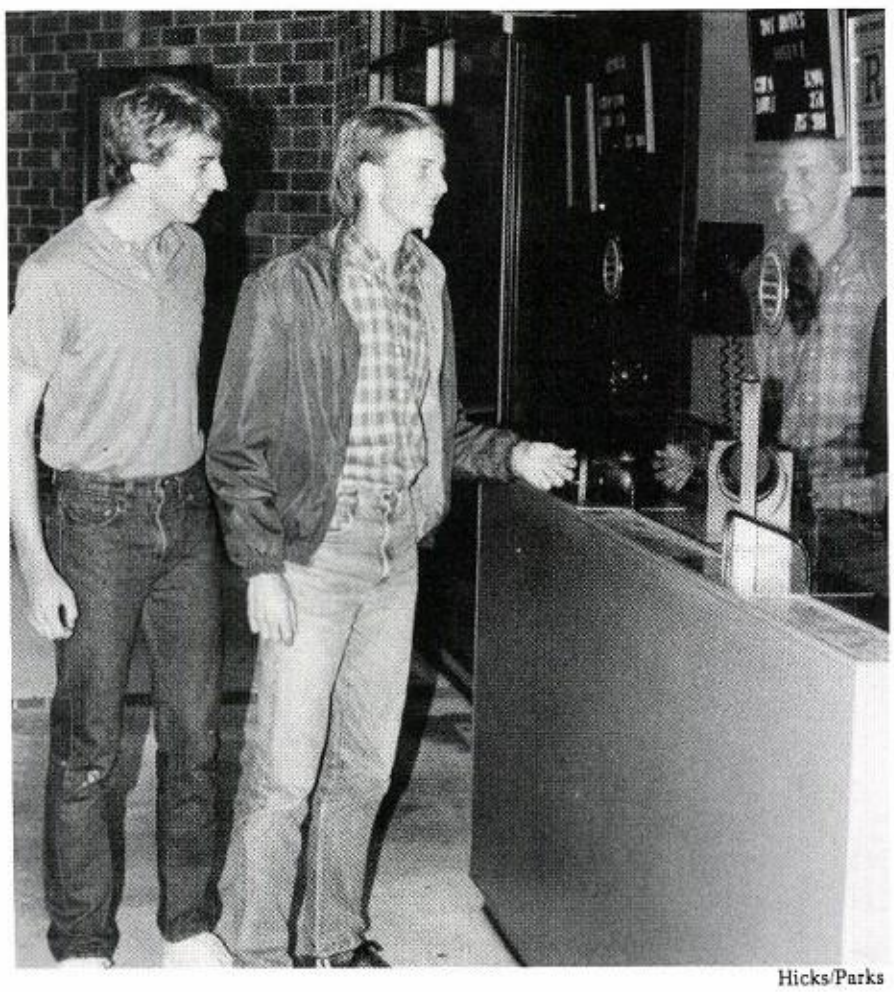

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Deciding the stiff price is worth it, senior Tom Shannon and junior Kevin Cox buy their tickets to Prince's new movie **Purple Rain.**

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Enjoying the Chinese cuisine, several Good Sports Club members fill the banquet room at the Canton Station. Eating out is a popular source of entertainment for most students.

Having a refreshing Coke, senior Marcia Coleman and junior Cheryl Garner take a break from viewing the many arts and crafts exhibits at the Down East Festival this fall.

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Johnson/Parks

The surprise in a Wendy's Happy Meal gives these students a way to entertain themselves during lunch.

Making the move to make his weekend successful is sophomore David Ess.

THOSE DISAPPEARING DOLLARS

Now you see 'em, now you don't

It just seems magical the way those hard-earned dollars disappear — five dollars here, twenty dollars there. Where do they all go? There are bunches of places to spend those big bucks in Rocky Mount (believe it or not), whether they come from manual labor or mom's wallet.

These tend to be the top things that students blow their dough on:

PARTY FOOD: You know, after awhile, those pizzas, potato chips, and soft drinks really begin to add up. Junior Pete Kobielnik figured that partying provided the biggest student expense, commenting, "On a good weekend, you can spend between $20 or $30 just on partying!"

CLOTHES: If you desire to be Vicki Vogue or Mr. GQ of RMSH, you will have to dish out some bucks!

"Sometimes it's just ridiculous how much clothes cost. When you go shopping, you spend about $50 to $100 just on a few things!" junior Rita Tucker said.

VIDEO GAMES: At a quarter a game, expect to throw some money down the tubes as you zap those aliens or eat those dots.

"I don't play video games much, but when I do, I throw a lot of money away on them," sophomore Jay Jolly said.

DATES: Unless you have reached the sit-at-home-and-watch-TV stage, be prepared to spend some megabucks on movies, pizza, Chinese food, or whatever tickles his/her fancy.

"When you think about how much a guy spends on you for a date, you notice that it's really expensive to go to the movies and out to dinner," junior Tonia Grooms said.

GOING OUT WITH FRIENDS: Why don't places give groups such as these special discounts? Maybe it's because they know that where there's a bunch of folks there's generally someone in the group who can persuade everyone else to blow it all and pig out to the max!

"I don't mind spending a lot of money at all when I go out with my friends. It's the next day that I regret it!" senior Tyrone Battle said.

GIFTS: Every time you turn around, there's a birthday or holiday that you have to dig out the crumpled dollars for.

"I've always loved buying presents for people, but everything that you want to get for them is so expensive. And it seems like all of my friends' birthdays clump together with holidays!" senior Dawn Turnley said.

TRIPS: Students **really** like to spend their money away from Rocky Mount, too. Whether you're heading to New York or for a cottage at the beach, those initial deposits are expected and tend to drain the funds considerably.

"It's unreal how much the deposits were for the trip to Italy and Greece last year! I thought I'd never get through paying them!" junior Johnnie Merritt said.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SUPPLIES: We know that everyone wants to show his spirit with those great ribbons, buttons, and pompoms, but you have to dish a lot of moulah out to flash all of that blue and gold around campus.

"Half the time I just use the ribbons from last year — it gets old very quickly buying all of that stuff every week!" senior Richard Verrone said.

Cecily Watson

Courtesy

Pigging out drastically drains the pocketbook, but at the moment, seniors Monica Card, Tonya Grant, and alumnus Jackie Pratt don't seem to care as they leisurely enjoy their meal at Canton Station.

Williams/Parks

Buying ribbons . . . **again.** Junior Kim Hines makes the big weekly purchase of school spirit supplies from senior Good Sports Club member Martha Fountain.

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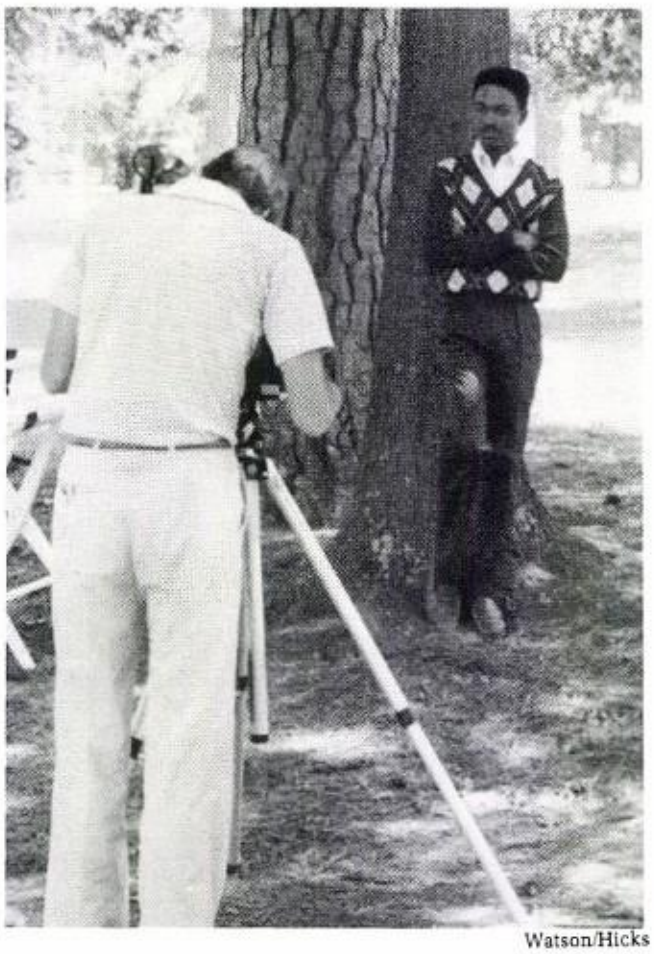

Watson/Hicks

Seniors have to smile brightly for those portraits. Senior Freddie Allen figures that if he's going to pay that much for senior portraits, he had better look his best.

Looks like senior Marcus Leathers has folks grabbing for his hard-earned dollars from all sides . . . and he doesn't look particularly pleased about it.

Looking good in a plaid jumpsuit, junior Kim Hines exhibits her skill as a beginning model.

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Startlingly sophisticated, senior Sakethia Wiggins turns a couple of heads as she models a striped suit at a fashion show.

Guaranteed to get a second glance, senior Kathryn Fisher steals the limelight in the layered look while modeling at the Belk Tyler's Teen Board fashion revue.

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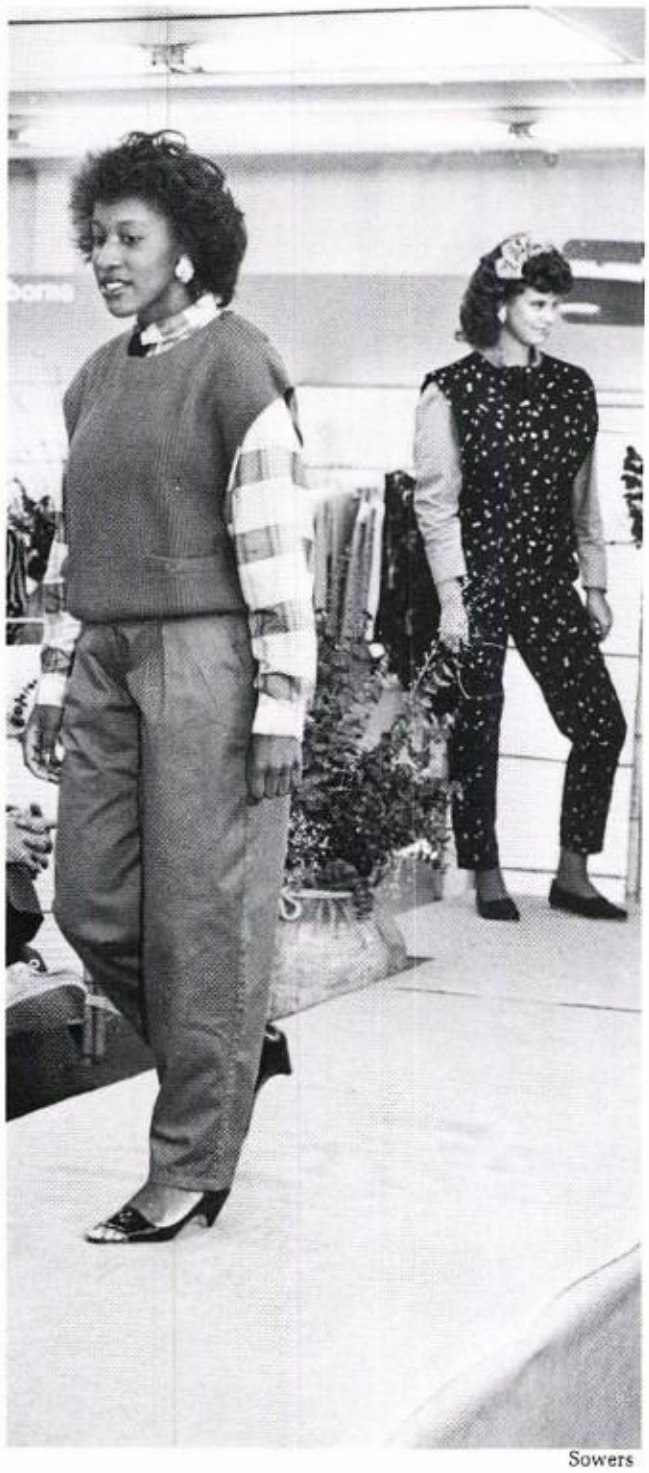

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THE BETWEENS

Rrrnnnggg!!!

6:30 a.m. . . .

7:45 a.m.: Debby Estes climbed out of bed. While waiting for her hair to dry, she fumbled through the racks of her closets looking for something to wear. Finally, she pulled out the old Levi's and a comfortable sweatshirt. Quite content with her selection, she set out to face another day at school.

8:17 a.m.: Approximately three minutes before first period, senior Scott Tulloss rolled out of bed. Grabbing for his duckheads, t-shirt, and dirty bucks, Scott headed out the door to try to make it to school before 8:25.

"I get up just in time to get to school on time. I just grab the first thing I see," Scott said. Obviously, fashion coordination ranked rather low in Scott's mind on those late mornings.

Jeans, the hottest fashion, remained at the top of the scene for reasons of convenience and comfort. They did; however, undergo major surgery — no more plain jeans! Faded out, striped-in-the-front-and-plain-in-the-back, cropped-at-the ankles, and buttons instead of zippers . . . Such was the jean scene. Guess, Gasoline, Palamento, and Ketch provided the most popular leisure wear.

Esprit dominated the fashion market. In a season such as winter, where grays and blacks were the norm, Esprit's bold, daring colors made a sharp impression, and students felt them a must. Everyone wanted the baggy, faded look, and Esprit had it!

Occasionally one would find the male population pulling real fashion out of their closets. Among the tennis rackets, next to the ping-pong table, and behind last year's chemistry project, real fashion appeared. Argyle sweaters, plaid polo shirts, knit ties, and tweed jackets prevailed.

Of course, one could always spot the favorites — rag wool sweaters, corduroy pants, pleated shirts, wool slacks, khakis, and button-downs.

"The clothes people wear tell a lot about their personalities," senior Jennifer Gregg said.

Kimberly Bulluck

Hicks/Parks

Look Out! It's junior Sharon Pittman stepping out in style. Sharon's attire is bound to make a sharp impression on the crowd.

Stepping out into fashion, David Ess, Ann Dickens, Shawn Bethea, Angela Franklin, Stephanie Hickey, Thomas Tanner, Kim Durant, Marcie Harlow, Carol Scarboro, and Sean Braly pose in the latest fashion on the steps of historical Stonewall.

The season's head turner: A boyish, yet stylish beret completes the "casual" fall look for Gretchen Journigan, Rachelle Nichols, and Kristi Moore.

National champs do it again

log 0.2 Wednesday 11:00 pm

It's Wednesday night. Everyone's on the bus and beginning to settle. I can feel the intensity growing. Today at practice I saw a well trained and finely tuned unit for the first time this year. Band members were acting as a whole — not as individuals. That's a good sign. Consequently, the "run through" today was the best the band has ever done. I'm beginning to feel confident.

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Tonight before I came to school to catch the bus, I went back to the stadium for a last look, to pray and to reflect on the last three years. I climbed the fence and walked out in front of the fifty to where the drum majorbox had stood so many times ... This was one of the few times that I have seriously prayed. I found that I was not praying to win, but that the band would reach its highest potential. I'm not scared of being beaten by a band that is better than us ... I'm scared of being beaten by ourselves. After three years I have realized that marching bands don't compete against each other — they compete against themselves like a world class runner races the clock ...

log 1.1 Thursday 7:55 am

... Things are going well. We have just finished eating in Knoxville, Tenn. The attitude is beginning to relax somewhat — that's good. If the band is strung too high, then they will burn out before nationals.

log 1.2 Thursday 6:29 pm

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log 1.3 Thursday 10:30 pm

... As best as I can tell we are in Louisville, Kentucky. We are staying in another high school gym. It's your basic gym: four walls, six basketball goals and of course a hardwood floor. I would like to emphasize hard. I'm so tired that I will probably sleep well anyway. Indianapolis is only a few hours away ...

... The long ride has taken its toll on everyone. We have adjusted to these long bus trips after so many ... for some reason this second day has really been trying.

In retrospect, today was dreary. The rain and clouds darkened the sky, setting a dreary mood. It's just one of those days we practiced until the band couldn't see me on the box. With only two days until the nationals, I think I'm scared.

log 2.1 Friday 12:00 noon

Things are going pretty good today. The band got up this morning at 6:30 am. We loaded back on the buses to drive a few more hours. Afterward we had a pretty tough practice.

log 2.2 Friday 11:00 pm

We just got back from the dome. Andy (Metcalf) and I walked around the dome to listen to the acoustics, voice clarity, and other technical aspects.

Tomorrow we need to know how to handle every situation that could arise while we are on the box. We must give total concentration if we are to win. At the same time we must be a "ham" in order to have a chance at winning the Drum Major trophy. To win the trophy would be a dream come true.

More hours of practice. All we do is practice. I hope it's worth all the effort. The practices are dead ... It would be awful to lose by a hundredth of a point — I'm beginning to get scared.

log 3.1 Saturday 9:00 am

We had our first good breakfast of the trip. I had two ham biscuits and orange juice.

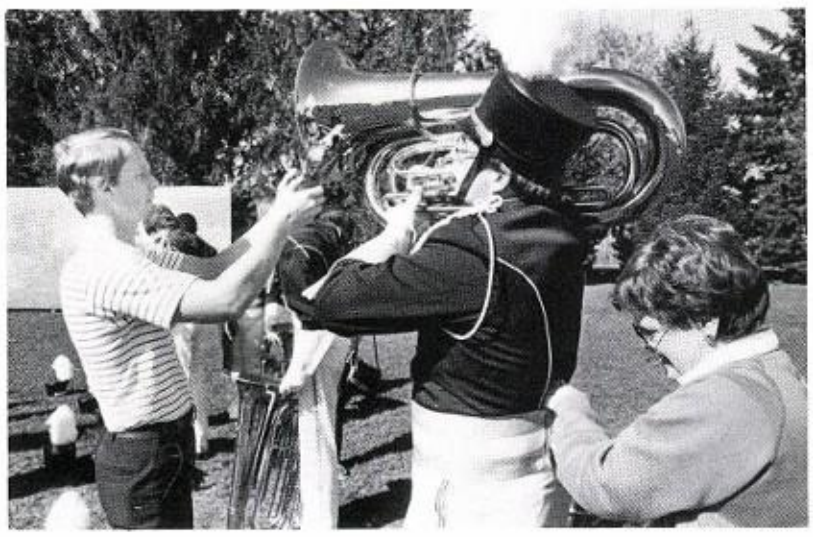
I just finished practicing. We had a marching run-through, and I was pleasantly impressed. Emotions are swelling ...

... Last night they let us walk on the field. The judges were not supposed to let the band on the field, but it is hard to stop 176 band students once they get it in their heads they want to go somewhere ... When we were able to walk on the field, that huge dome lost its mystique. Now it is just another place to march.

... The astro turf is slick and someone could lose his footing. I am also worried about our first song — the tempo is so fast that if something goes wrong, there won't be any time to make any adjustments.

log 3.2 Saturday 2:00 pm

We are dressed and on our way. The band feels good — I hope we do well. Color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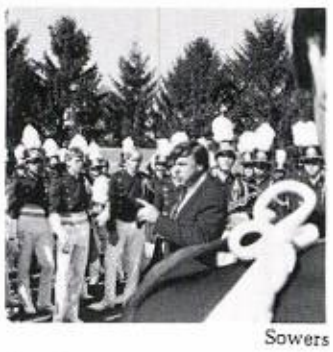
guard, rifles, and drum majors are judged in prelims.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log 3.3 Saturday 4:00 pm

We just marched off the field — the show was awful. Technically, everything hit. No emotion, no feeling, and no win if things don't improve. Andy and I just listened to the Drum Major

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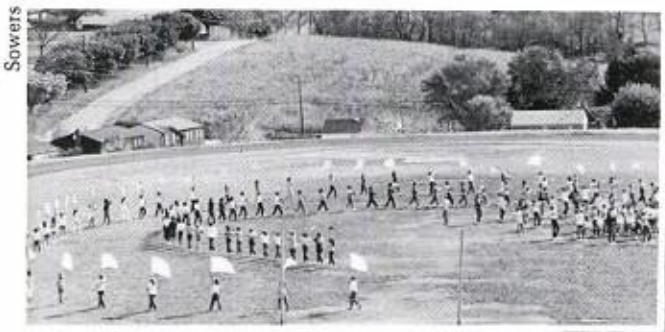
tape. This judge was **very** supportive. We (Andy Metcalf and I) might win (the drum major trophy) . . .

. . . if we do a good show tonight we might win.

The competition is tough. There are about five bands that are in contention to win (RMSH, Norwin, Ben Davis, Chesterson and Marion Catholic). Everything will be a mind game. It will be just who is excited and who performs the best . . . We have the hardest show and we know how to do it. The band is more keyed up than I have ever seen them. They (the band) are even more excited than they were last year.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log 3.5 Saturday before finals

This is my last show . . . I feel that we are going to win. May God be with us.

log 3.6 Saturday after finals

We drew forth — the show was the best that it has ever been! If we lose I will go home knowing that we have done all that we could have done.

I had the best time with the show. The band gave their soul to the audience. We brought 25,000 spectators to their feet. Before I marched the band off the field I turned and watched the crowd. I felt satisfied, but most of all I felt proud.

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log 3.7 Saturday after awards

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We won — the first band in MBA history to win two years in a row.

It's a great feeling to be a National Champion — **A REAL GOOD FEELING.**

Stephen Locke

Sowers

A mood for all seasons

It always seems that the emotions of students change with every season. With summer comes the carefree, do-nothing attitude, while fall brings on feelings of anxiety and anticipation; there's winter with it's holiday spirit and fear of getting the flu, and then come the loving, excited emotions of the spring.

Summer . . . freedom, late curfews, parties, and fun in the sun. Students wait with eager hearts for that last school bell to ring before summer vacation. As the schools are evacuated, those favorite summer spots begin to fill up with noisy, excited students.

All of the emotions stored up inside are let out as people head to their special vacation areas. Smiles and suntans are seen on every person's face; emotions are light and carefree. Suddenly, what used to be a school night is now a free night.

"In the summer, every night is a weekend; there may not always be something to do, but there's always a night to do it!" senior Jake Parrott commented. But as always, the freedom of summer comes to an end and a new season begins.

Fall . . . school, football games, new and old friends, and bright new outfits on cool autumn nights. Fall brings the opening of a new school year, and students start to remember forgotten things like tardy bells and homework, while they become reunited with old friends and make new ones.

The nights begin to get cool and football games provide the best place to spend them. Students bring out their new fall clothes and can not wait to get rid of those summer outfits. The excitement of pep rallies, new friends, and football games fills up every student.

"Fall is one of my favorite seasons. You can do so many things that you can't do in the summer, like play football and go to school (I really like that!) and meet a lot of new people," sophomore Matt Carey said. Soon, those cool nights begin to turn rather nippy with another change of season.

Winter . . . hay rides, holidays, snowball fights, and hot chocolate. This new season brings lots of thrills to high school students as the weather brings about a definite change. Cold, blistery days are met with thick wool seaters and heavy coats and jackets, while snow means getting out of school, snowball fighting, and sledding with one's friends.

Winter also brings holidays to mind. Christmas is a time when everyone has parties, exchanges gifts, and most importantly, shares love. All eyes shine brightly and hearts are filled with joy.

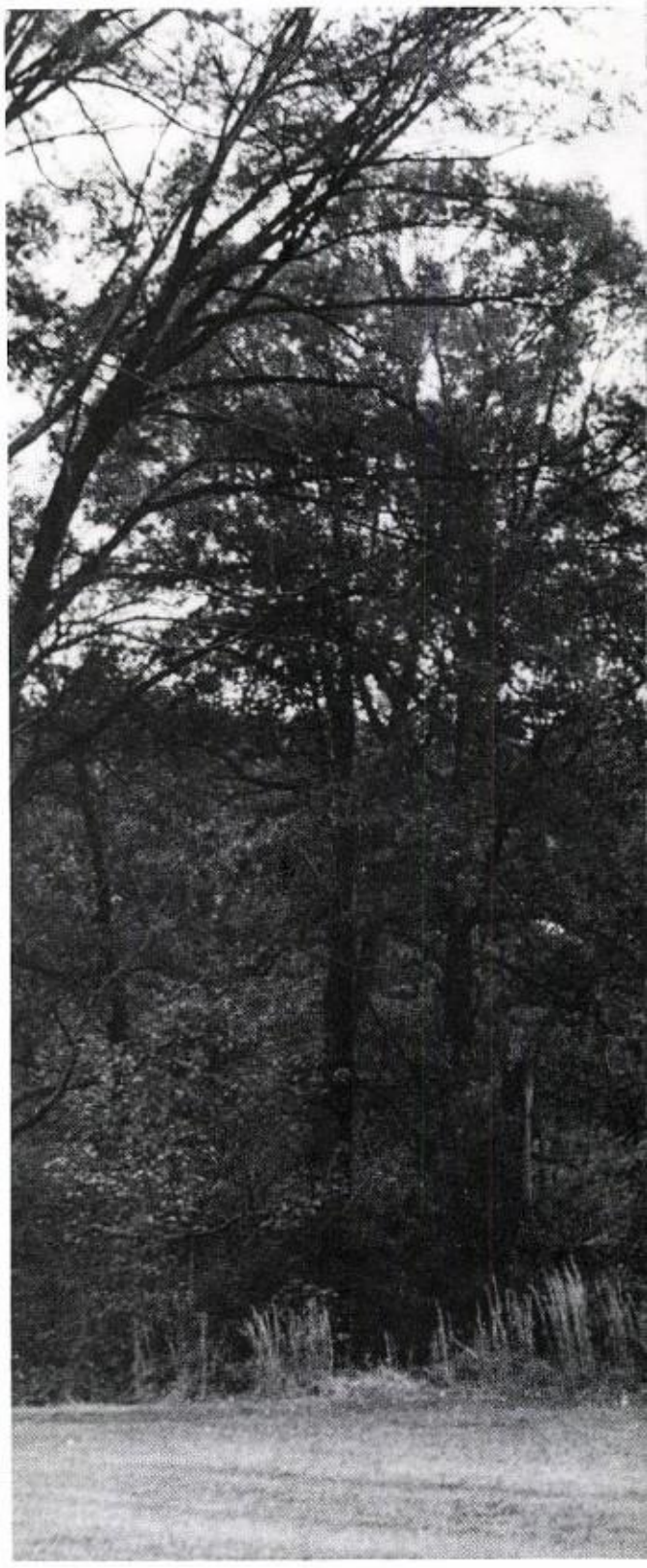
Hayrides are another popular event during the winter. Riding in a truck filled with hay and friends is lots of fun for everyone. After spending a cold evening in the hay, sitting by the fireplace proves to be a perfect spot for that hot relationship.

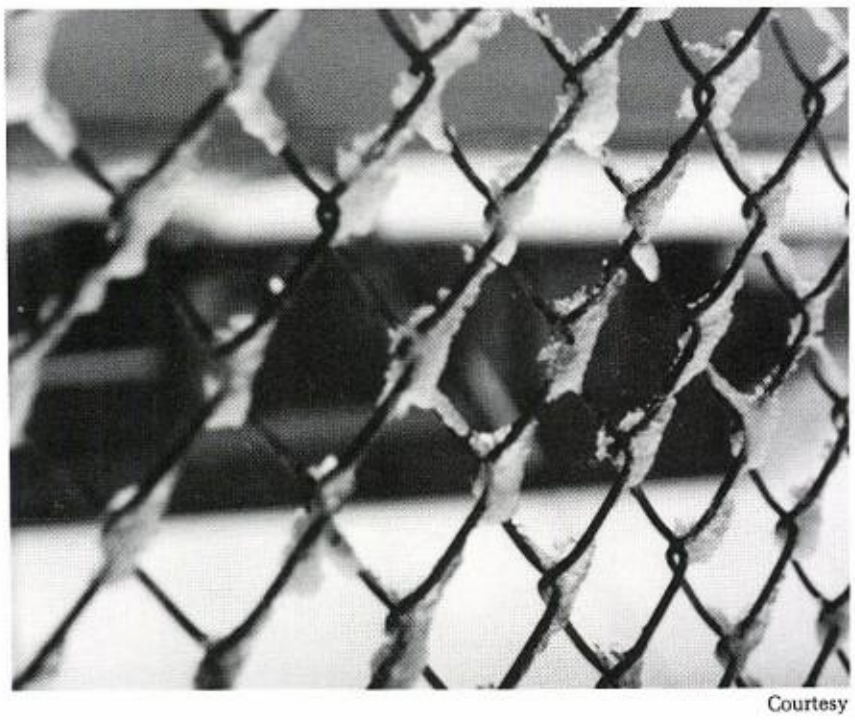
Spring . . . Easter break, school's end, short sleeves, and getting back in the sunshine. As soon as that thermometer hits 60 degrees, students drag out the cotton blouses and short sleeves and head out to soak up some long awaited sunshine, as they search for a new romance. Everyone anxiously awaits the beginning of Easter break, counting down the days months in advance.

"I just think spring is the most wonderful season! You can finally dump those tiresome winter sweaters and put on some new outfits and go out and enjoy the great weather!" said junior Lisa Cooper.

Summer, fall, winter, and spring . . . all of these seasons come and go with their own physical changes which sweep the school with changes in emotions.

Alicia Johnson and Cecily Watson





School is on the back of everyone's mind during a big snowstorm, as everyone heads home for a day filled with snowball fights, sledding, and snowcream.

Courtesy

Johnson

Looking cool and nonchalant, juniors Heath Hartley, Alex Hammond, and sophomore John Coley laze around the pool while checking out the babes.

Johnson/Hicks

Spring has the tendency to bring out the childishness in even the most sophisticated and macho students, as seniors Antonio Fox, Lea Daughtridge, juniors Lisa Cooper, Julia Cherry, and Trisha Pridgen, senior Matthew Wescott, and sophomore Harrison Tulloss demonstrate.

Beautiful fall scenes dotted the area this year, though most of the leaves didn't begin to turn until mid-November. **Inset:** Madly throwing a bunch of leaves around is a favorite activity for lots of people, including seniors Lea Daughtridge, Trish Nicholson, junior Tonia Grooms, sophomore Shannon Arrowood, and senior Pam Sewell.

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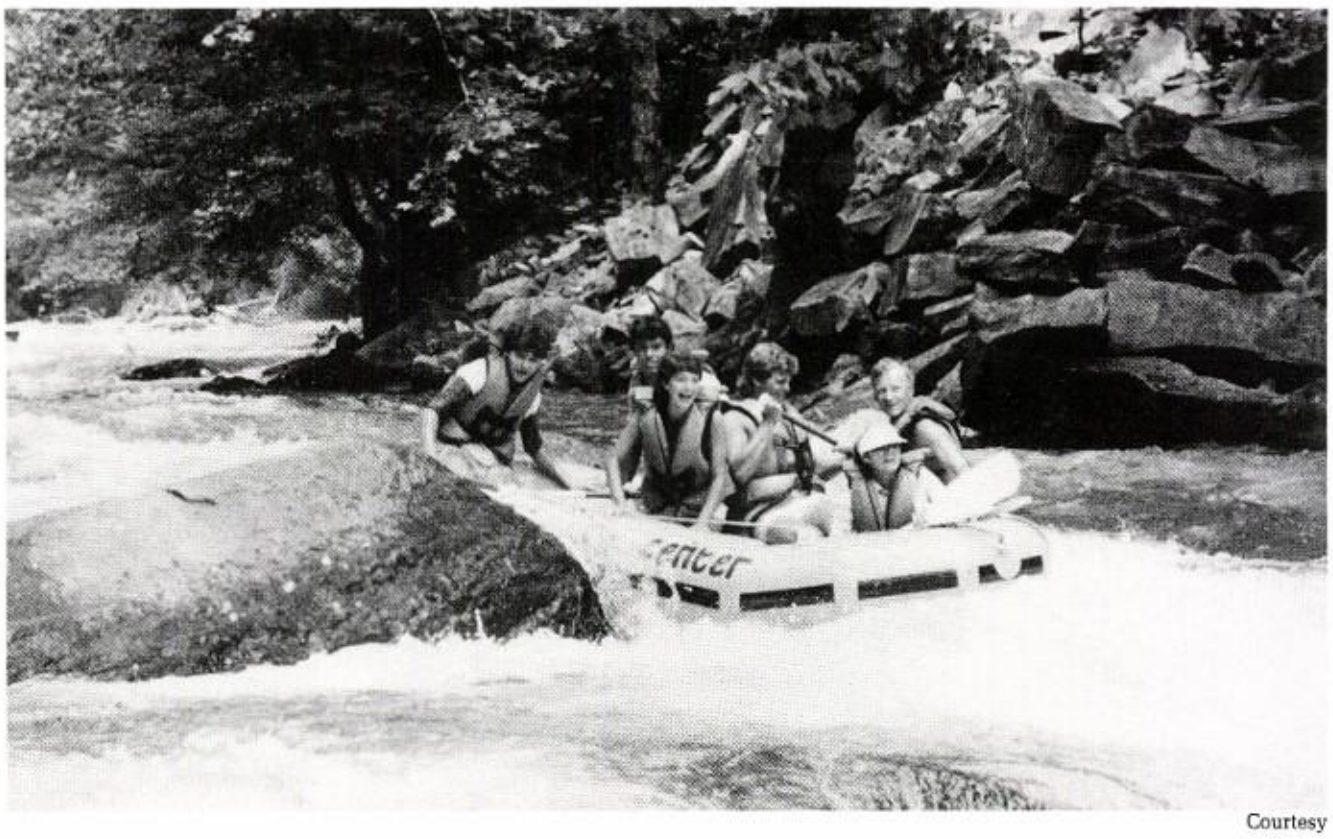

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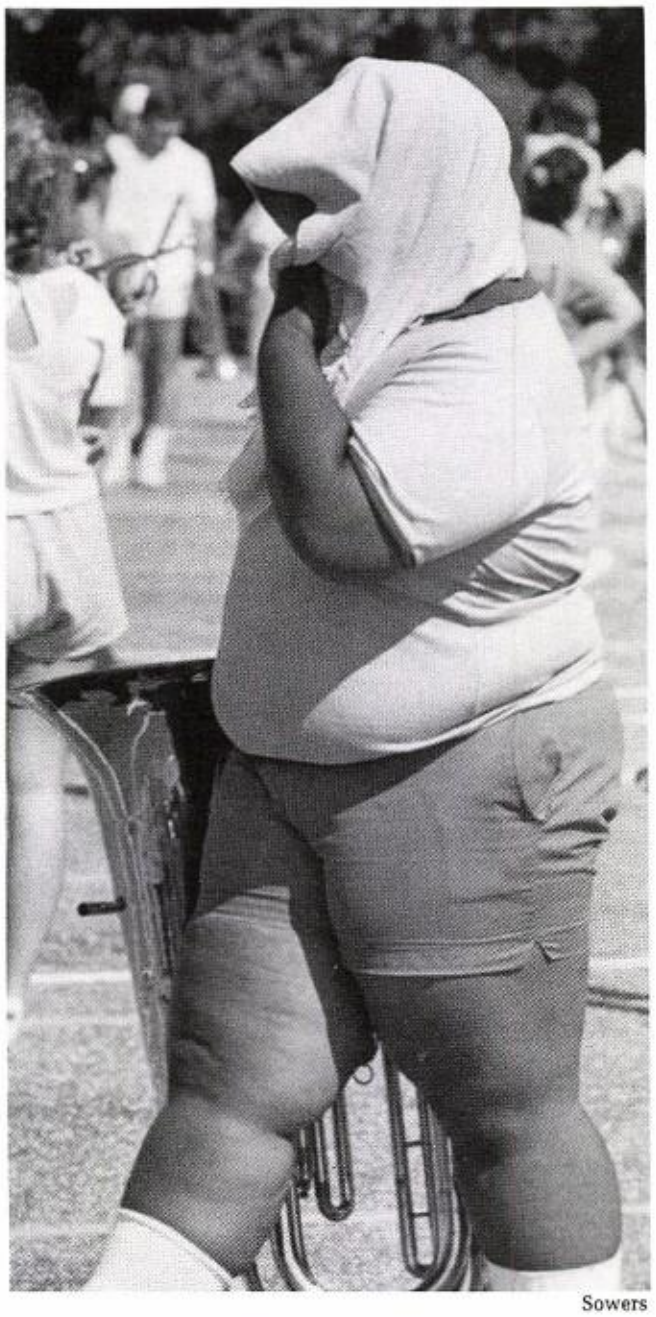
White water rafting proves to be lots of fun as Robbie Brothers, Alicia Johnson, Jake Parrott, Brad Daughtery, and Mr. and Mrs. McCausland find out while rafting on the Nantahala River.



Sowers

Spare time — Rare time

When the typical student was asked "What do you do in your spare time?" most replied with "What spare time?"

With six classes a day, jobs, and various other activities, students found spare time almost non-existent.

"I've never had as much homework as I have this year. It seems to be never-ending, and I never seem to have any spare time," junior Amy Winstead said.

"I've forgotten what T.V. and recreation are this year because I have so much work to do," junior Kim Bunn said.

"Band leaves me with hardly anything else," sophomore Michelle Schiewe said.

Although students found spare time rare, they made time for what they enjoyed most.

"I like to sit around eating and watching T.V., it's very relaxing," senior Sherry Andrews said.

Eating, watching T.V., playing video games, cross-stitching, and enjoying the sounds of music, provided entertainment for some.

Others enjoyed more vigorous types of entertainment.

"I like to spend time working out at the Nautilus, playing racketball, or lifting weights," senior Stephen Locke said.

Jogging, playing tennis, performing calisthenics, swimming, waterskiing, riding horses, and white water rafting also provided forms of entertainment.

"Horseback riding gives me a chance to forget all my worries and appreciate nature," sophomore Phillip Lanier said.

"White water rafting on the Nantahala river gives us a natural high and the chance to experience the wonderful strength of nature," senior Alicia Johnson and junior Holley Daniel agreed.

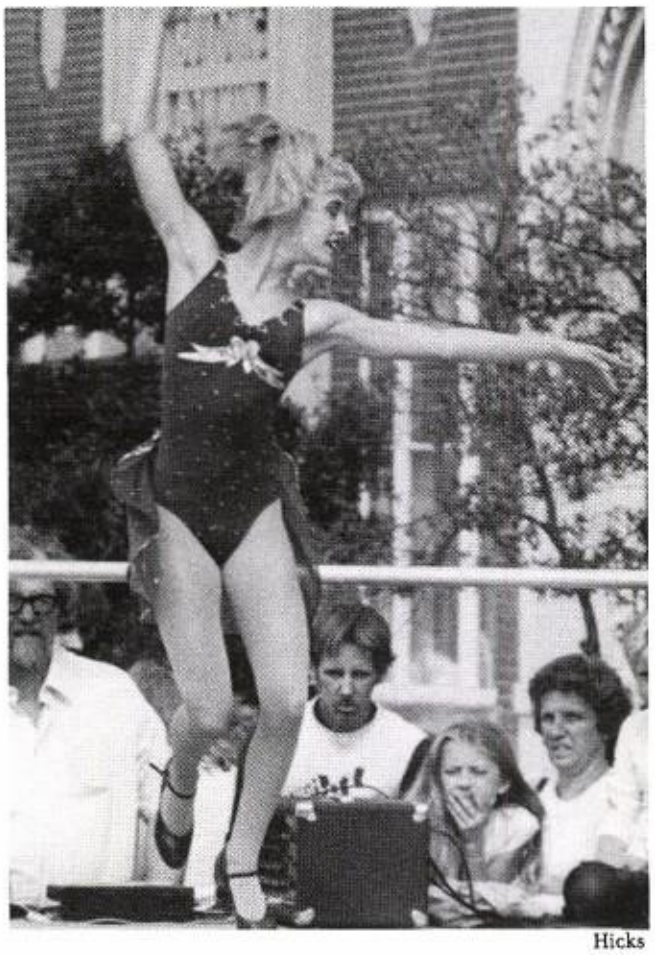
"I enjoy jogging because it helps me get rid of frustrations and also stay in shape," senior Marti Mucci said.

Although spare time appears to be rare time on the surface, students seem to find time to do what means the most to them.

Kimberly Bulluck

Marching to the beat of a different drum, junior Randy Taylor tries to protect himself from the ninety degree sun during summer band camp.

"Oh! What a feeling!" Sophomore Tina Sears enjoys dancing at the Down East Festival in her spare time.



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Drowning out the sounds of more than 160 restless band members surrounding him on the gym floor, sophomore Ivey Powell relaxes while listening to his walkman.

Sowers

Decisions, decisions, decisions!

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions! As young adults, every sophomore, junior, and senior faced several major and minor decisions each day.

Seniors faced two of the biggest decisions of their educational careers. The choice of whether or not to go to college was a big decision, but which school to attend gave seniors the most trouble.

"There are lots of different aspects to consider when it comes to choosing a college. I looked at the location, its fields of study, the cost, and of course the school in general. Choosing a college is a personal decision, because the decision is what is right for me, not my friends," senior Deborah Anderson said.

Every day students made decisions about matters that had nothing directly to do with school. The big decision: Where are we going for lunch? A group of ten students entered the parking lot and in less than two minutes had to decide whether to go to McDonalds or Hardees. Because of indeciveness the group ended up at Wendy's.

"Lunch time is always a problem for my friends and me. We can never really decide where we want to go. Since lunch is so short, we have a minute to decide, and then we have to jump in the car and go. We usually end up at some little snack store with heartburn," junior Anita Pittman said.

In the spring, sophomores and juniors with the help of their teachers, counselors, and parents which academic and elective courses they would take during the next school year.

"I have one period to fill up. Chosing among a study hall, foreign language, and some sort of business course is very hard. My parents say a foreign language, my counselor says a business course. What shall I pick? I guess it's eeny, meeny, miny, moe time," junior Jeccisa Smith said.

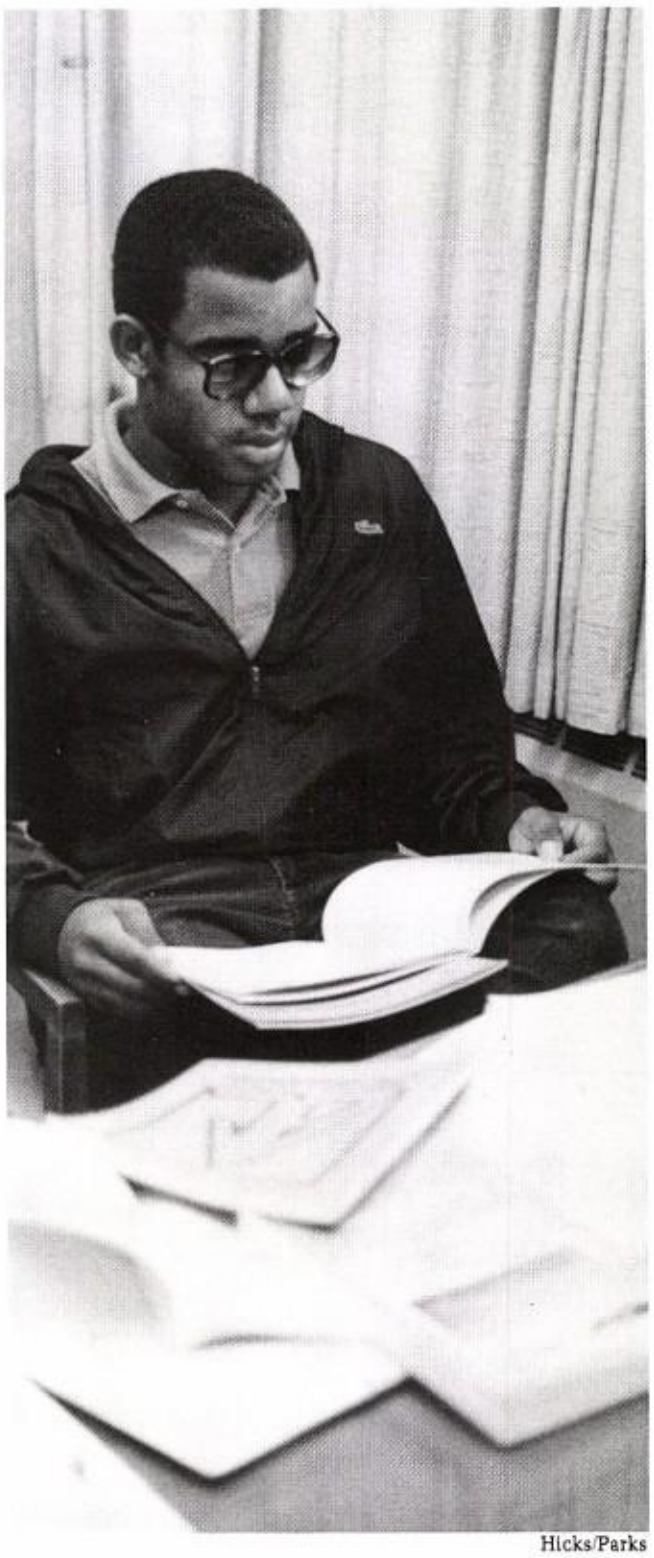
"I don't have any clothes!" exclaims the many Jane and John Smiths. Every morning guys and girls could be found staring blankly into their closets trying to find the appropriate outfit for the upcoming school day.

"Every morning I have trouble finding what to wear. Whatever I decide I usually change at least twice. My final choice is what I have on when my ride comes," senior Debbie Estes said.

"Whom to date is not a problem for me because I have been dating the same person for almost a year. I usually don't go to parties when there is going to be a lot of drinking because somehow you always get into trouble," senior Cindy Williams said.

In conclusion, all students had major and minor decisions to make. For most the major decisions seemed like mountains to overcome, but in the end almost everybody always got by.

Lea Daughtridge



Life presents many problems. Junior Donald Dunlap finds that a little research can help in making decisions.

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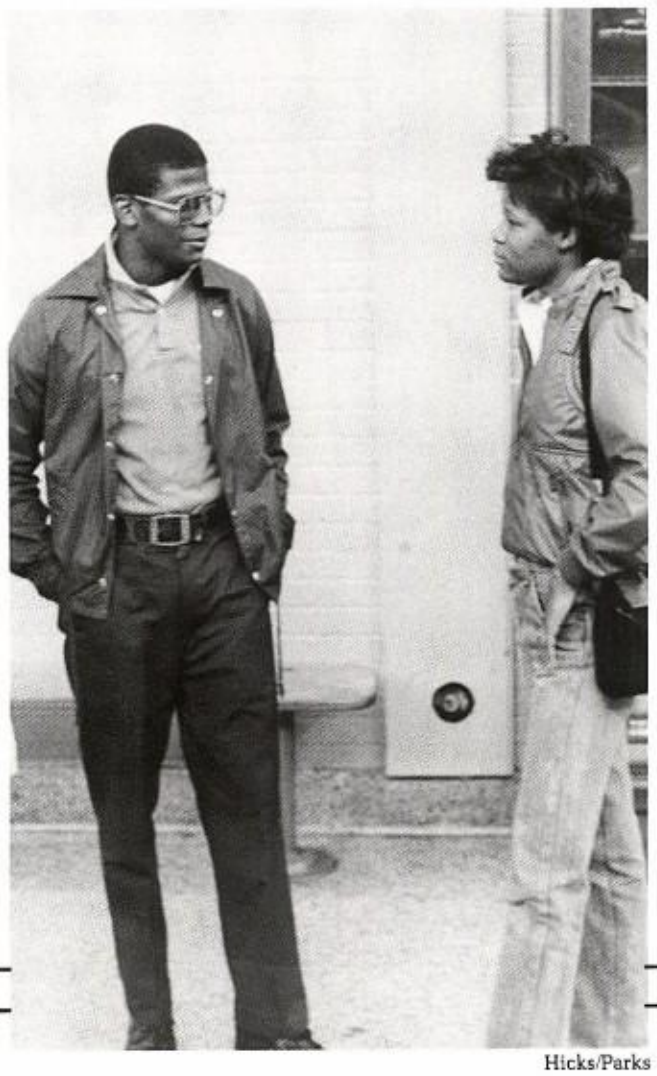

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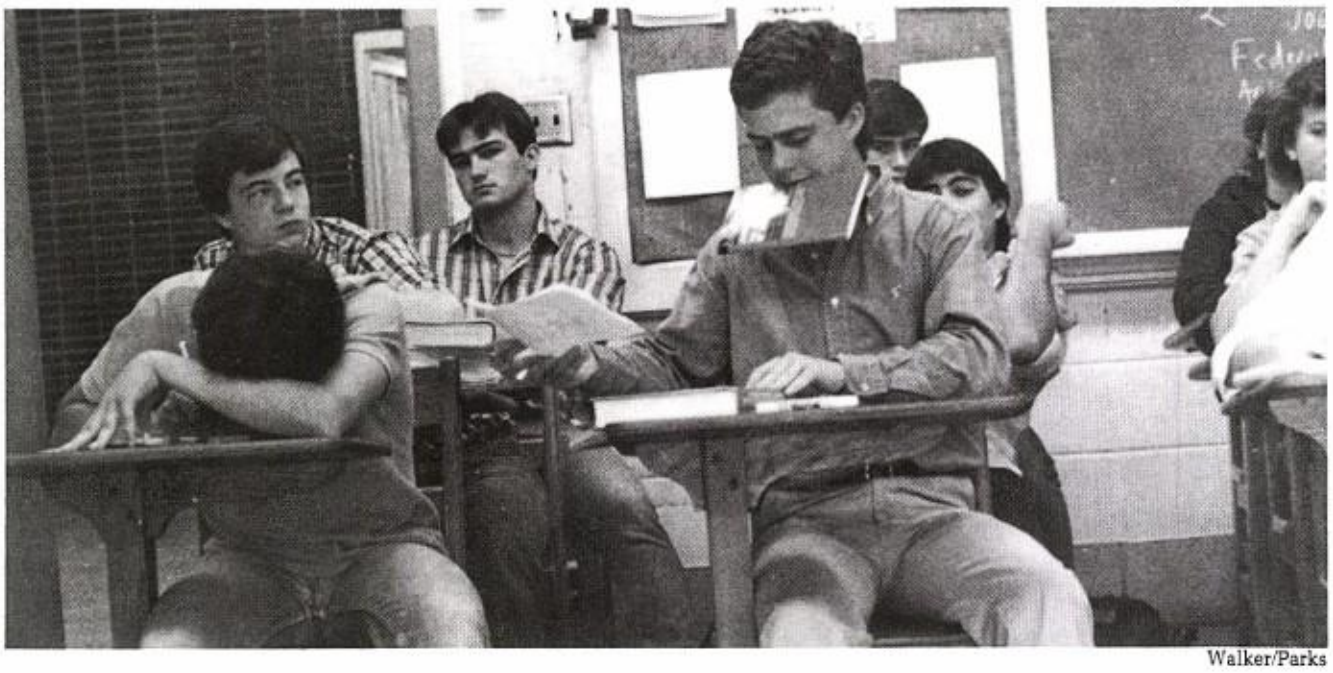


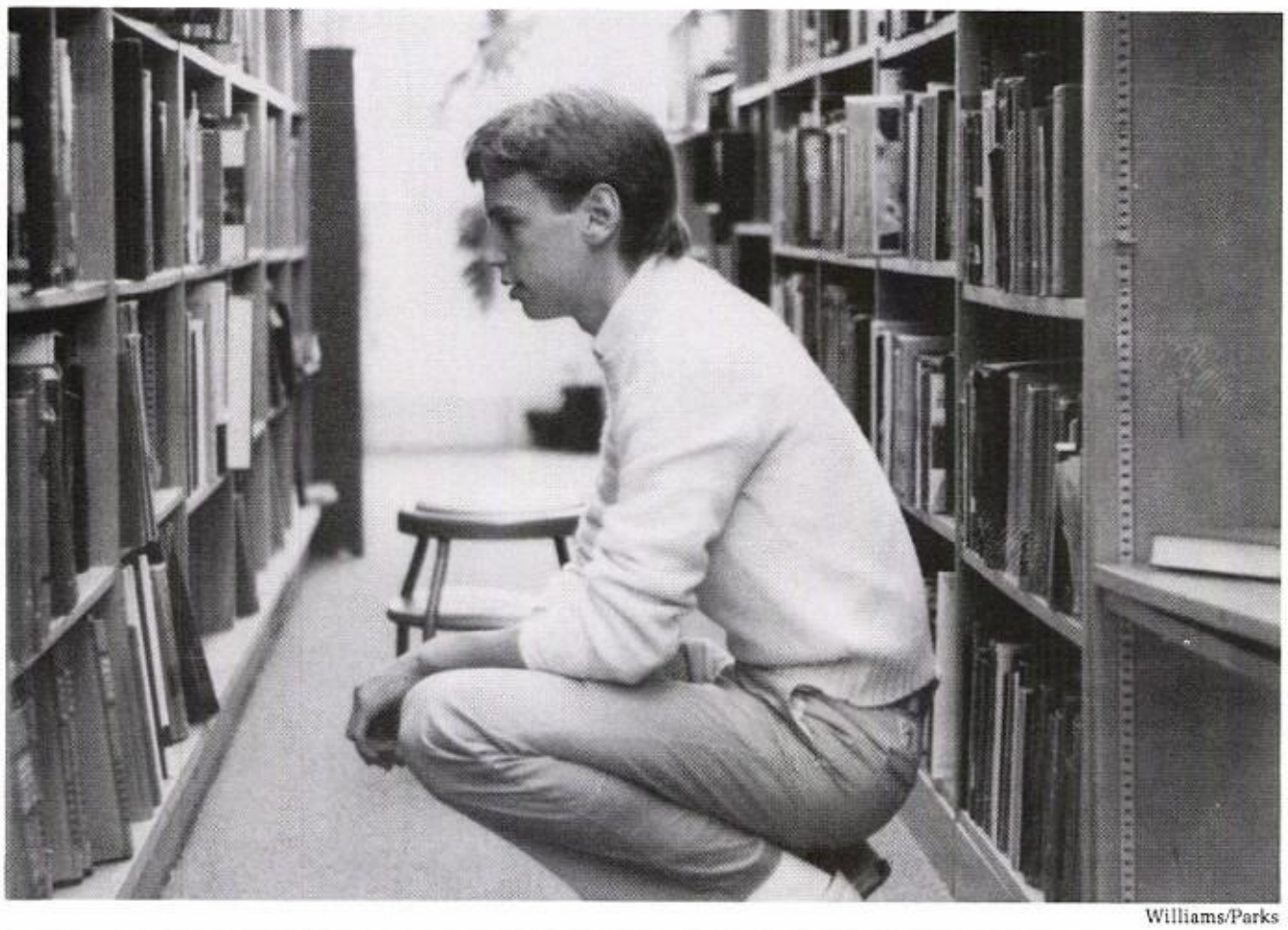
Walker/Parks

Finding the right girl takes a lot of discretion. Senior Joe Battle moves in for the "wrap" with senior Jackie Dickens.

Hungrily devouring his studies, junior Bo Iler makes it known that he has decided on the value of learning.

Williams/Parks

Choosing a college worries these students as they look for help at college night.



Williams/Parks

Topics and research provide a major problem in the life of a senior. Senior Joe Register looks for help within the confines of the library.

Making the move

Whether telling stories in the locker room, accepting a bet over a few cokes, or looking over the new class of sophomores on the first day of school the quest goes on . . . Picking up girls has become a national pastime for the average teenage guy. Like all sports, experts have opinions on which methods work the best:

Method I

1. Hop in the convertible (must be a convertible) complete with ray-bans and music for cruising.
2. Look for girls (methods may vary. For instance, one may wait for light to see who pulls up beside you.)
3. Pick out girls and wave or wink.
4. Stop and talk.
5. You're on your own from there.

success ratio = 9:10

Method II

1. Pick out girl from surroundings (a real stud needs no special setting).
2. Be straightforward from the start (no need to beat around the bush). Use a good line like, "I know I have never met you, but I would sure like to go out with you."
3. Take care of business.

success ratio = 4:10

Method III

(slower method requires more time — approx. one month).

1. Have a friend introduce you.
2. Write a note to her (for example: Will you marry me? yes no).
3. Get to know the girl.
4. As you become more intimate, your relationship will begin to grow.

success ratio = 7:10

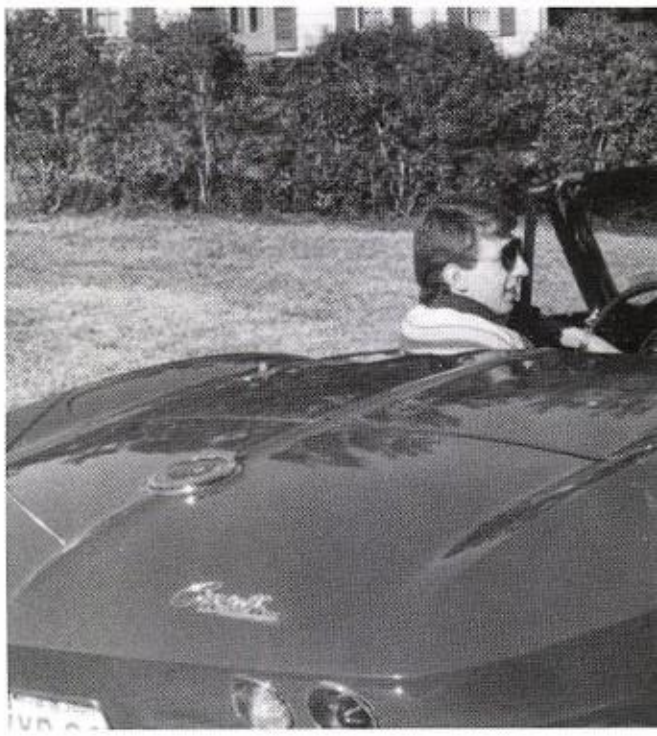
No method is totally accurate — some methods work better than others. Which method suits you best?

Sandy Roberson

Johnson

Trying out his name, sophomore Moye West converses with sophomore Natalie Crocker about her favorite guy.

Trying to catch that special guy's eye, senior Joylette Whitaker prepares herself by putting on a little make-up.



Cruising down Shannon Court in his little red corvette, junior Kevin Cox makes his move on junior Beth Lancaster.

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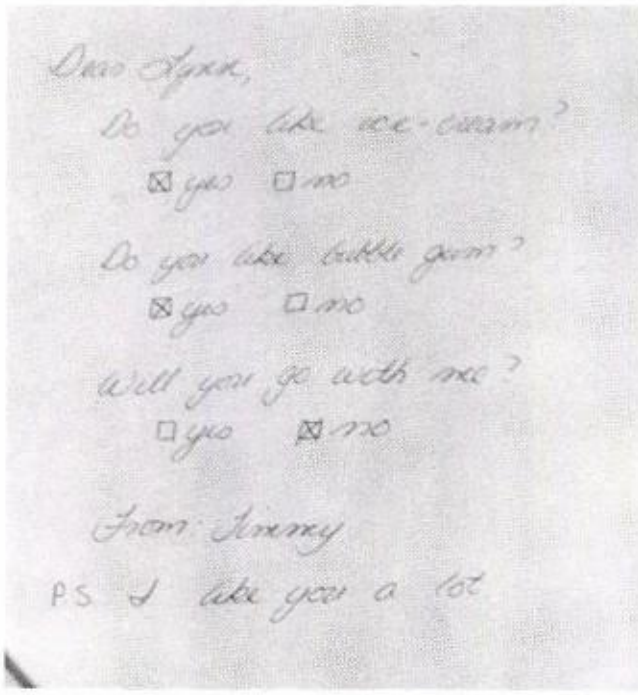
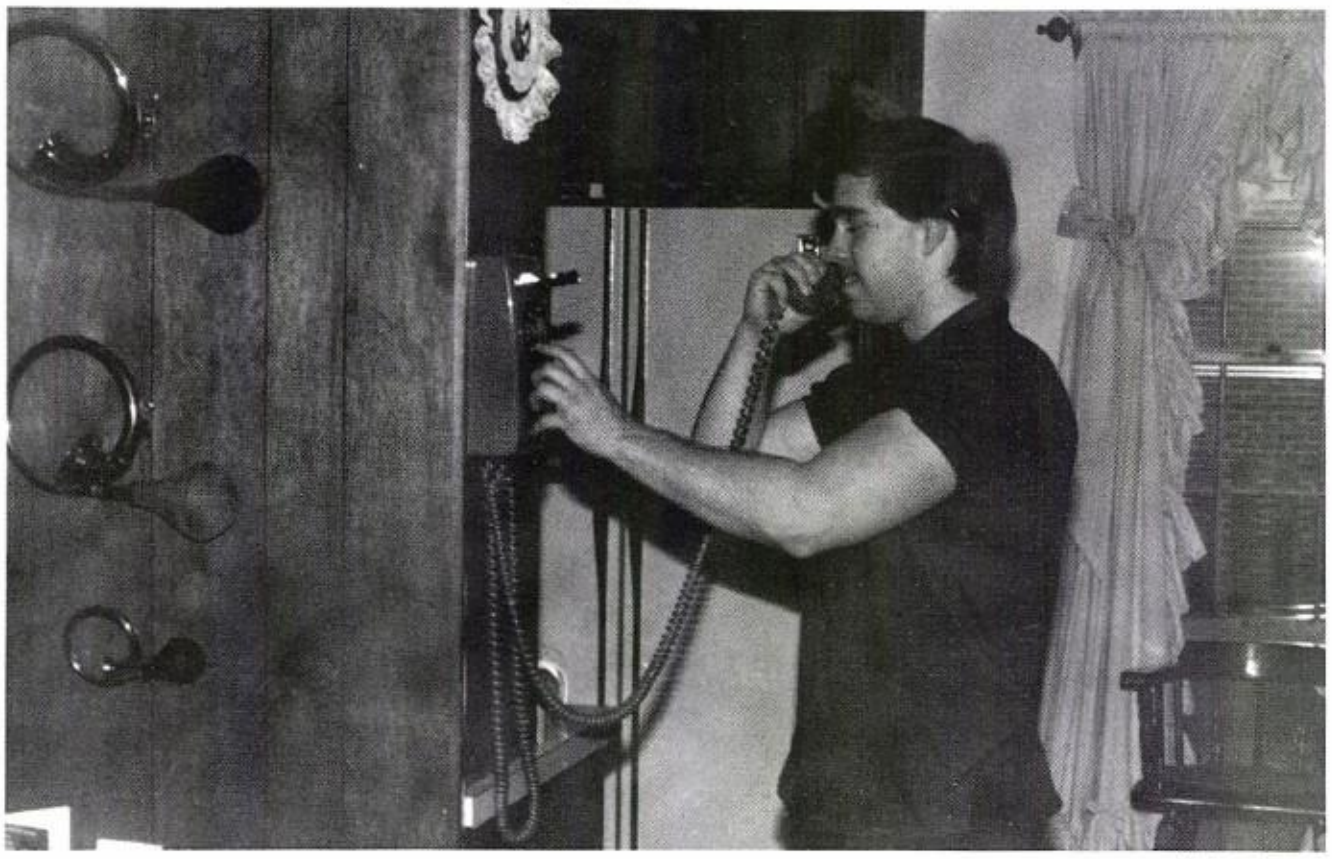


Dear Lynn,
Do you like ice-cream?
☒ yes ☐ no
Do you like bubble gum?
☒ yes ☐ no
Will you go with me?
☐ yes ☒ no
From: Jimmy
P.S. I like you a lot

Johnson

Method number three has its drawbacks.

Trying to make an acquaintance, senior Tim Goodsell sets a date for the weekend.



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Method with a purpose

Attraction of the opposite sex may be a sport for guys, but for girls it has become an art-form. Although, as of late it has become acceptable to become socially dominant, many girls prefer to practice their domination in more subtle forms:

1. Find out his schedule and re-route your walk to class.
2. Ride by his house over and over.
3. Eye contact . . . very important . . .
4. Add his name to yours and write it all over your notebooks.
5. Call him, listen to his voice and hang up.
6. Start spending your Friday and Saturday nights at his favorite night spots.
7. Find out what he is interested in and quickly gain interest in the same thing.
8. During your study hall, walk by his room over and over.
9. Find out his favorite music group, buy all their albums, and ask him if he wants to borrow them.
10. Find out his best subject and ask him to tutor you in it.
11. Start worrying about your appearance more.
12. Go to the same place he goes to lunch everyday.

Maybe it's entrapment or maybe it's pressure sales, but at any rate it seems to work rather well.

Alicia Johnson

As RMSH turns . . .

. . . life as a student has its ups . . .

My most memorable moment at Senior High was at a baseball game when we came from behind in the last inning to beat Richmond County 4-2 in the state playoffs. We changed Richmond Stadium from a carnival to a morgue! — **senior Ernie Suggs**

My first "senior" day is my greatest memory. It's great being on top! — **senior Donna Bazzle**

I was most excited when our football team won the homecoming game against Northeastern. — **senior Ron Whitehead.**

One of my most favorite memories at Senior High is the one of becoming the Cassanova of the sophomore class. — **sophomore Jay Jolly**

Derrik Byrd and I went to homecoming together and it led to something **GREAT!** — **senior Sakethia Wiggins**

Going to Denmark for the summer and going on the short-term exchange to New York my junior year are two of my favorite memories. — **junior Holley Daniel**

In my junior year, I met the most beautiful girl in the world, Selena Luchsinger, and she gave me something that I'll never forget — a big hug. — **John Jordan**

I had heard so many things about what happened to sophomores at this school, I was afraid of what would happen to me, but I was a lucky one. Absolutely nothing went wrong that first day I was here. — **sophomore Donna Griffin**

Seeing Prince in Greensboro was super-thrilling for me this year! — **junior Rita Tucker**

My favorite memories . . . the Be-bop cafe, sledding, and the WoHop storeroom in New York, Easter breaks, flitting with friends, the Shell, the Holly Ball, State Fair, concerts, and doing so many things with the people that I love! — **senior Cecily Watson**

I had the best time in New York last year with Mrs. Wilson. — **senior Jennifer Gregg**

Getting a lot of flowers on Valentine's Day was great! — **senior Harry White**

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Getting flowers on Valentine's Day is a pretty nice thing to remember, but if you don't receive any, things aren't so great. Junior Kim Hines, junior Tammy Shrewsbury, Mrs. Doris Jones, senior Charles Williams, and junior Tenia Alford prepare to make and break students' days with carnations.

Hicks

Remembering how Mondays and Tuesdays can bring out the worst in all of us, former assistant principal Reba Bone shows students her true colors.

Students in the AFS clubs from Rocky Mount and Bronxville will have fairly fond memories of standing in the midst of heavily falling snow in twenty degree temperatures with newly made friends during the short term exchange in New York.

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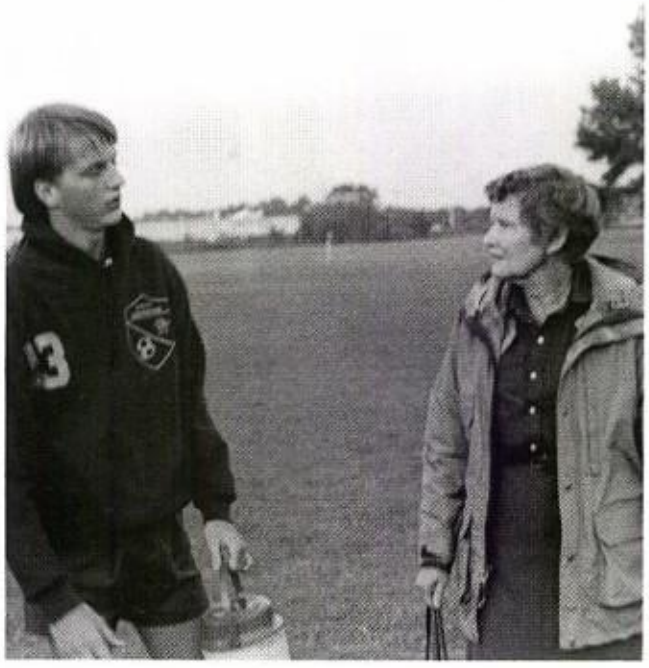


No one can show dejection any better than someone who has tried his best and still can not win the game. Senior Tom Shannon looks for some consolation from his mother after losing an important soccer match.

The rebuilding years of teams sometimes make for very depressing memories. The records of some of the teams at Senior High were anything but sparkling this year. This basketball player shows his dejection as the basketball team gets beaten severely.

. . . and its downs . . .

The tennis team's record when I was on it last year was very embarassing! — **junior Joanette Johnson**

I was walking down the hall one day and my pants split! — **senior Troy Warner**

I remember when a teacher fell out of her chair while she was showing us something on the overhead, and when I tried to imitate her for the class, I fell and hit my head on a desk. — **senior Sharon Noel**

At the end of my sophomore year, my lab partner and I had to turn in our textbooks and both of us had the teachers' editions which we weren't supposed to have. — **senior Kelley Williams**

Crawling through the window of the **Hi-Noc-Ar** room and getting caught by Mrs. Kincheloe is my most memorable embarrassing moment of RMSH. — **junior Michael Walker**

I was really embarrassed when I fell into the refrigerator last year at the beach. — **senior Kimberly Bulluck**

I was walking down the stairs on the 400 hall and I fell all the way down them. — **senior Jackie Whitehead.**

At the magazine assembly, we had to pick prizes, and I just happened to pick the box of Pampers, a fitting prize for a sophomore! — **sophomore Paige Parker**

On a band trip, I was getting ready to roll up my hair, which was all over my head, and Carlton Harrison took my picture and showed it to everyone. — **senior Lena Battle**

I will never forget my first week at Senior High. I must have gotten lost at least a billion times. The teachers couldn't get my last name right — I was everything from Mevins to Nervous! — **senior Donna Nevius**

While the band was in Chicago, we went to a restaurant and a few of us went to the restroom. One of the stalls was locked from the inside, so I tried to climb over the door to unlock it. I managed to fall over the door, cut my finger, and then I ended up getting nine stitches and a lot of attention. — **sophomore Marty Bullock**

The picture of me in the newspaper doing an awful jump is my most awful memory! — **junior Rebecca Garrison**

The most memorable moment from my Senior High days so far was last year during spring break. Carol Scarboro, Eleanor Ramey, and Ann Chowning threw mine and Kristi Elliot's clothes out of the trailer, and when Kristi and I came back, our underwear was blowing down the road! — **junior Shawn Kilpatrick**

Cecily Watson

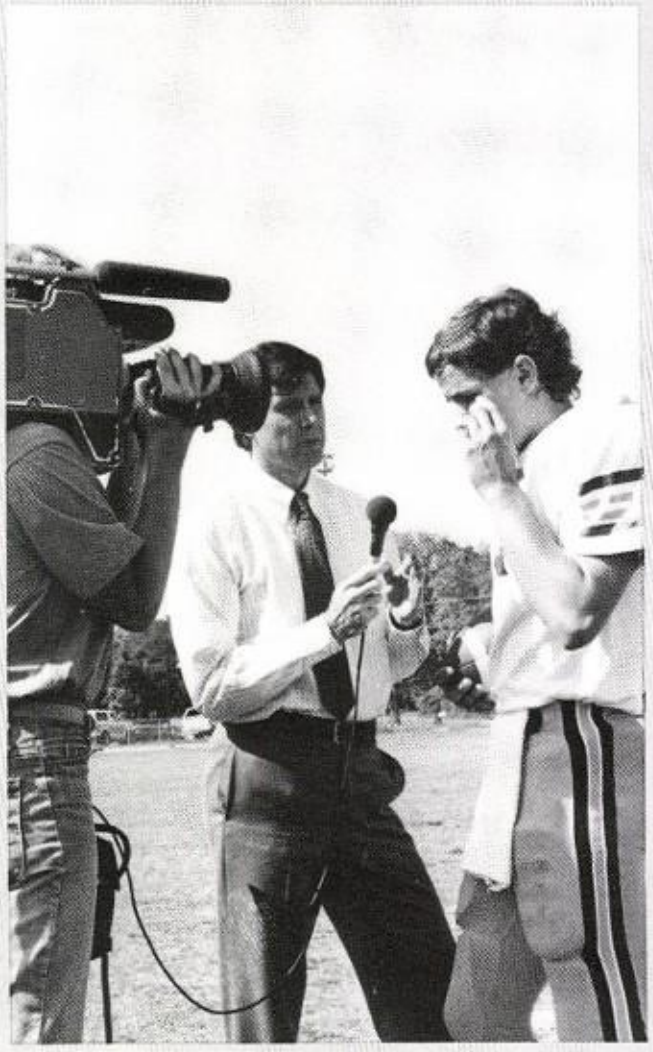
HE YEAR IN RETROSPEC

Watson/Johnson

Hicks/Parks

The RMSH Marching Gryphons made history as they became the first band to win the Grand Nationals two years in a row. The band made trips to both Raleigh and Washington, D.C. to march in the inaugural parades for Governor Martin and President Reagan. The national parade was cancelled, however.

Music was a big part of the local scene this year. People flocked to the record stores to buy hot hit albums by artists such as Prince and the Revolution, U-2, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, Cyndi Lauper,and countless others. Many of these groups made appearances in North Carolina, either in Raleigh or in Greensboro. Artists which performed included James Taylor, Chicago, Bruce Springsteen, Prince, the Cars, Huey Lewis and the News, and Van Halen.



Batchelor/Parks

1984 marked the 16th Anniversary of the Booker T. Washington — Rocky Mount Senior High merger. The Gryphon, the present mascot of RMSH, was chosen because it integrated the lion of BTW and the blackbird of Senior High.

North Carolina's elections were hot this year, mainly in the gubernatorial race and the senate race. Republican Jim Martin defeated Democrat Rufus Edmisten by a slight margin in the race for the governor's seat. Senator Jesse Helms barrelled by former governor Jim Hunt in the most expensive senate race in history, with Helms spending an overwhelming $15 million and Hunt putting out $10 million for the race.

Several teachers expected to hear the patter as opposed to the clunk of little feet this year as they waited for new babies to arrive. Expectant mothers at the school included Mrs. Catherine Tedder, Mrs. Laverne Persell, and Mrs. Joan Godwin.

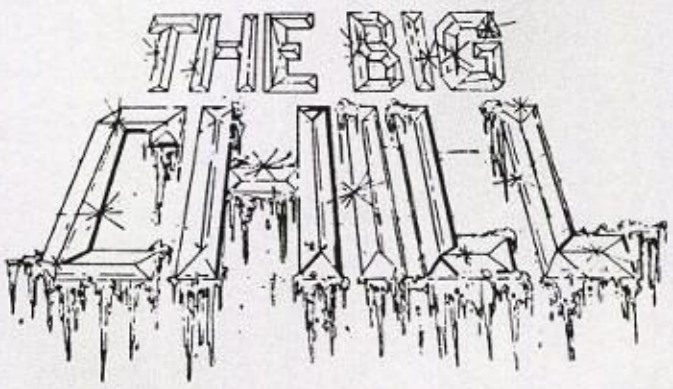
Gryphon quarterback, Roney Harris, received the Tom Suiter Extra Effort Award for his outstanding play in the game against Wilson Beddingfield. No one at this school has won the award since Eddie Coats, who won it two years ago.

Former Gryphon baseball and football player, Bill Merrifield, was invited to play with the California Angels baseball team.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

1984
1985

The **Gryphon** and the **Hi Noc Ar** both received prestigious awards for their excellent work in journalism. The **Gryphon** received All Southern which is the highest ranking award that a newspaper in the Southern conference can receive. The **Hi Noc Ar** won first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association which operates out of New York and includes the entire nation.



Hicks/Parks

Former governor Jim Hunt joined the Rocky Mount based law firm of Spruill and Spruill, formerly Spruill, Lane, Carlton, McCotter, and Jolly. Hunt will be working as a corporate attorney in the Raleigh office of the firm.

Mrs Hunt's car

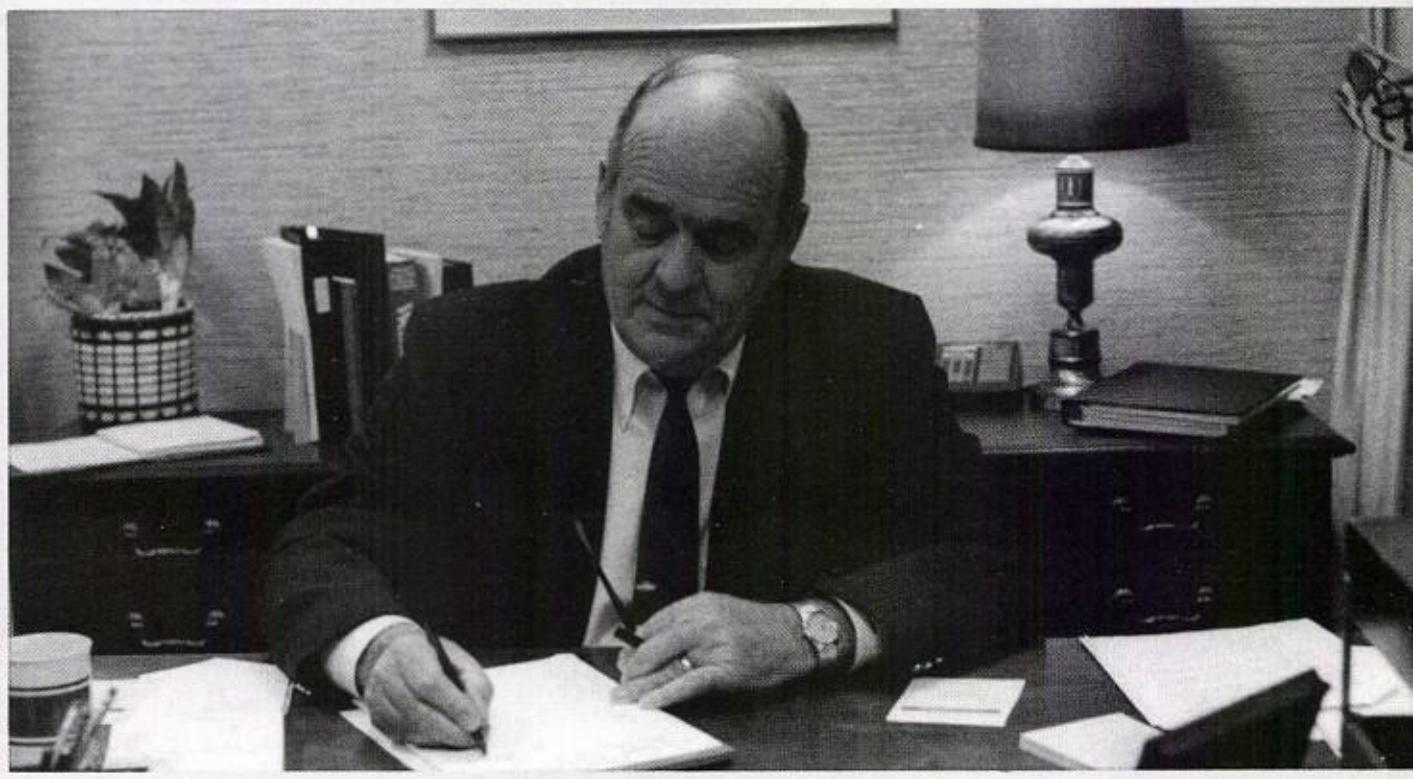
Hicks/F

Record breaking temperatures hit the Rocky Mount area, as thermometers barely rose past the 0 degree mark. Snow and ice stranded people who did not have the proper vehicles or tires for the weather, and ice on the City Lake was even thicker than usual. Perhaps trying to test the strength of the ice on the lake, someone pushed a shopping cart out onto the ice. The cart did not break through for about five days.

The Rocky Mount School Board has made many changes this year, as a new superintendent, Dr. Max Abbott, stepped in after Dr. Larry Coble moved to the Durham County school system. Dr. Abbott is serving as an interim superintendent until one can be found to take the job permanently. A new member for the school board was selected this year, Ike Davis, replacing Dr. Thomas Vaughan, who resigned.

Cecily Watson

A recent Supreme Court decision provided that school officials may search a student or his property without a warrant if there is any suspicion that the student is involved in any illegal activities. The new law is to help officials to provide a safer learning environment for students.



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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

Superbowl XIX matched the 49'ers and the Dolphins. San Francisco managed to score a blazing 38 points while Miami had 14.

Baby Fae, a two-week old girl, received a baboon heart in Loma Linda, California. The surgeon performing the operation was Dr. Leonard Bailey. Baby Fae lived on the heart for 32 days.

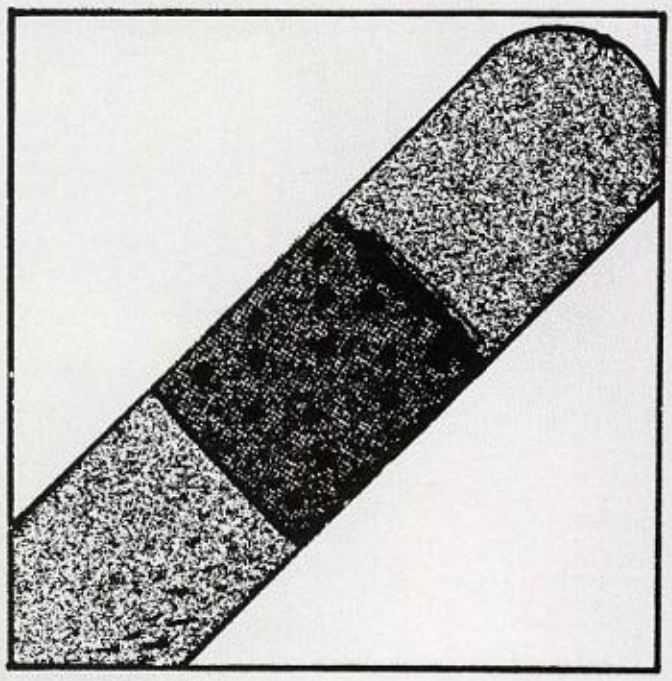
Two more heart patients received artificial heart implants this year, William Schroeder and Murray Haeden. Both recipients are recovering satisfactorily and have suffered from only minor complications.

Ronald Reagan did it again! In a landslide victory over his opponent, Walter Mondale, who won only in home state of Michigan, Reagan was reelected for four more years, bringing with him promises of peace and prosperity.

Late 1984 saw the tragic death of one of the country's most influential musicians, Marvin Gaye. Gaye was shot by his father on the day before his fortieth birthday.

India's prime minister of 19 years, Indira Gandhi, was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards in November. The death of Gandhi and the replacement by her son, Rajiv Gandhi, has caused much civic strife in India between Hindus and Sikhs.

The Miss America pageant and Black America received a blow as the first black Miss America, Vanessa Williams, was dethroned. Miss Williams lost her crown because of nude pictures of herself which were published in Penthouse magazine. She was replaced by another black woman, Suzette Charles.



Band-aid, a group of about forty-two English musicians including Boy George, Phil Collins, Bono, and Nigel Rogers, composed the hit "Feed the World." The project was started in an effort to provide some aid to the Ethiopian famine victims and the artists raised over one million dollars.

Los Angeles was the site for the 1984 Summer Olympics. The Olympics, coordinated by Peter Ueberroth, were a tremendous success, even with the boycott by the communist countries, who chose to hold their Friendship games in Bulgaria.

There were several new events in the Summer Olympics, including synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics.

The home court advantage proved to work well for the U.S. as a record number of gold, silver, and bronze medals were won.

New Olympic stars such as Mary Lou Retton, Tracey Caulkins, Bruce Hayes and Mitch Gaylord made the covers and accumulated more medals for the U.S.

NATIONAL EVENTS

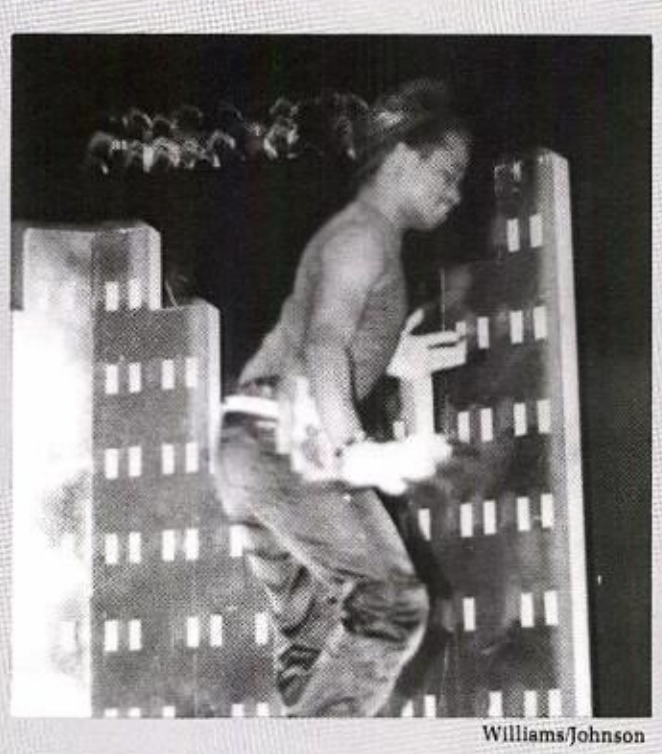
1984 1985

For Wendy's kind of people, Clara Peller belted out that famous addage, "Where's the Beef?" on TV ads and T-shirts.

A poison-gas leak at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India killed 2500 and maimed 100,000 others in the worst industrial accident in history.

This year proved to be the year of the Yuppie (Young Urban Professionals). Yuppies made a great deal of money and spent it conspicuously, as they sported around in BMW's, ate lots of gourmet food, and dressed mainly for success.

1984-gas prices were down to $1.00/gallon, swatches, neon clothes, yuppies, and aerobics were the big fads, and airlines competed to have the lowest fares.

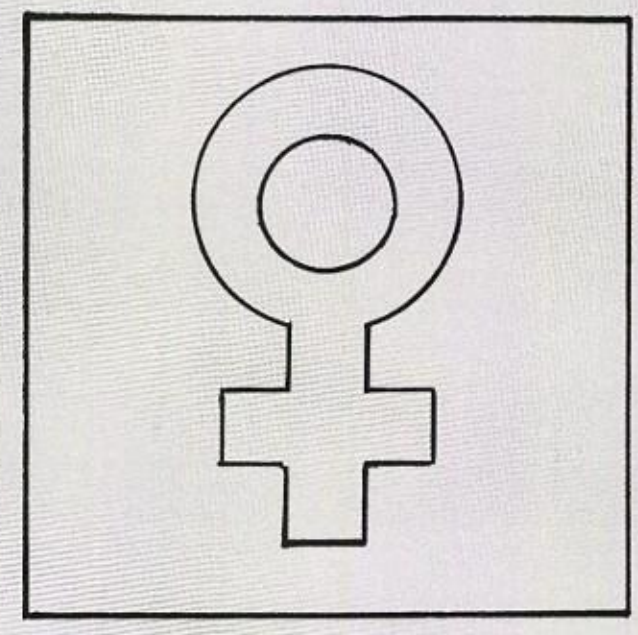


Williams/Johnson

Thundering bass drums and synthetic pops provided the background music for the latest dance craze, break dancing. Movies, instructional tapes, breakin' apparel and tapes with music just for breakin' appeared everywhere this year.

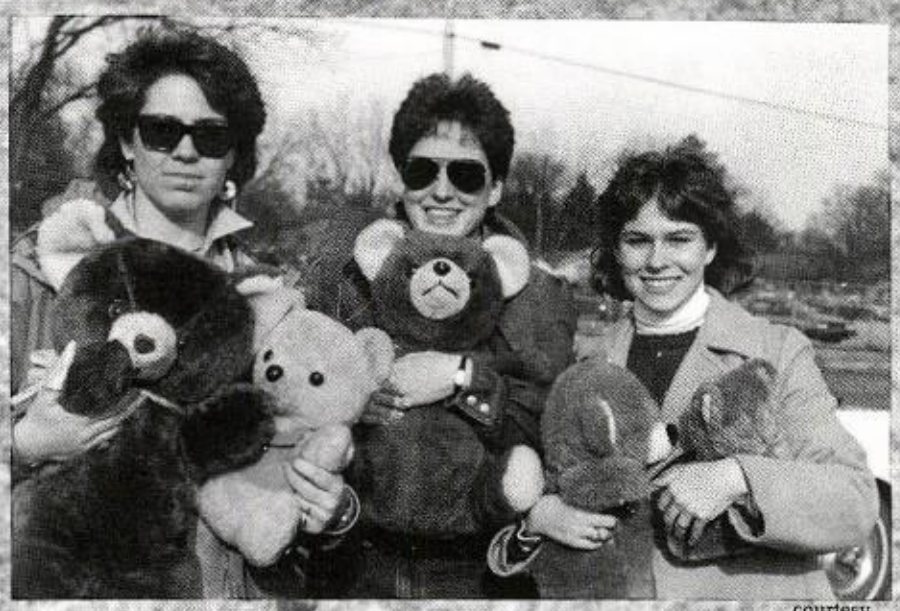
The nation's economy was in better shape than it had been since 1952. Inflation was at 3.6%, unemployment was down to 13%, and the stock exchange came close to breaking 1300.

The first woman ever to be nominated by a major party was chosen to run for the vice presidency. Geraldine Ferrarro made history as she accepted the nomination by the Democratic convention to be Walter Mondale's running mate.



The Good, the Bad, the Outrageous

How many of the fads of 1984-85
Can you identify?



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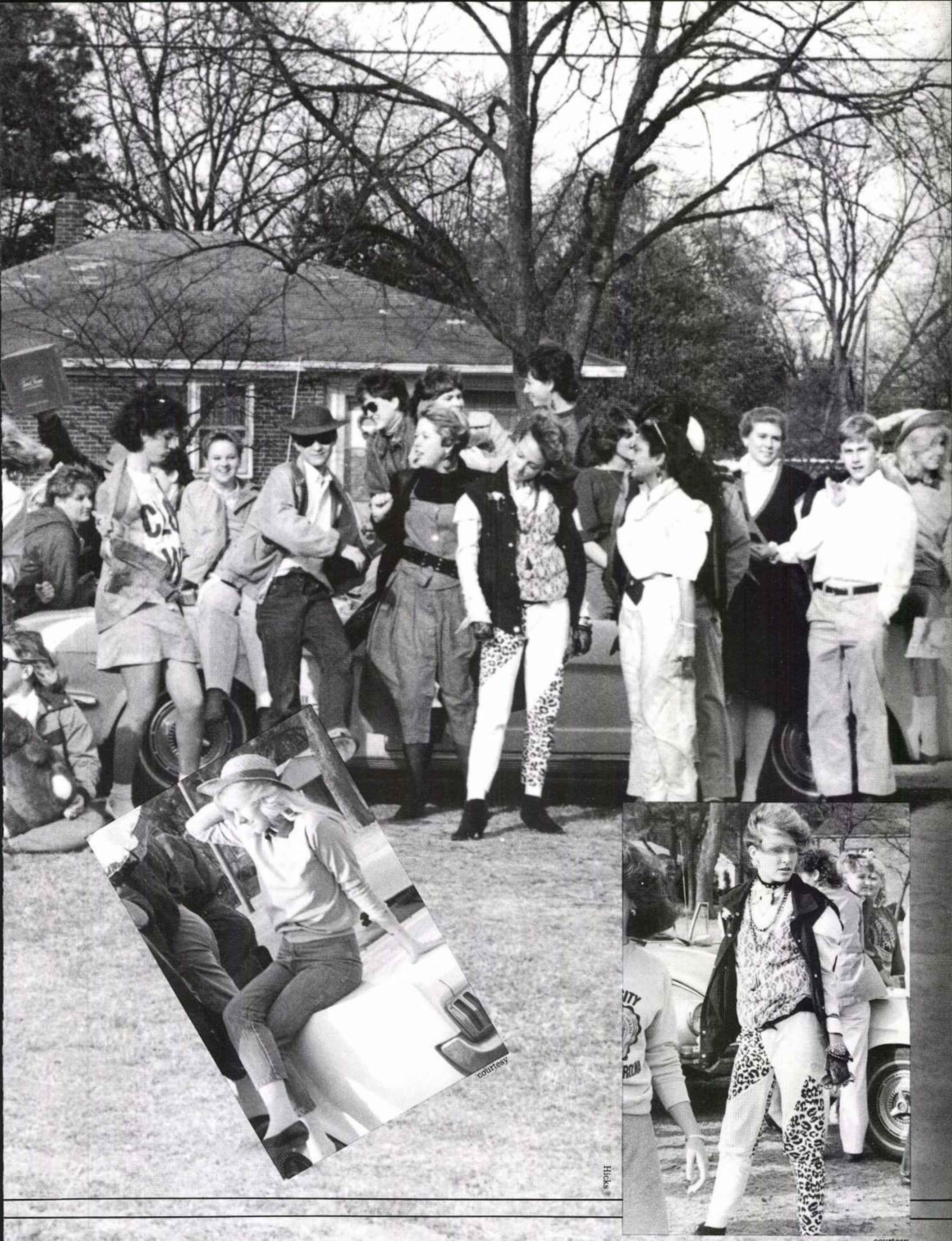

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Individuals

Forever changing . . . forever the same

Cabbage Patch fever ran rampant throughout Rocky Mount as well as throughout the nation. Roses and K-Mart received doll shipments only to sell out within minutes. Those students fortunate enough to have an adopted "brother" or "sister" in the family understood the phenomenon, for each doll was unique. Every baby possessed his own style, different, yet endearing.

So, too, were the individuals who made up the school's population. Some donned the latest styles even before fashion magazines hit the stands.

Gold fingernails glittered from the hands of seniors Michelle Ellison, Pam Gregg, Michelle Vick, and junior Kim Weaver. Capressa Hatfield also opted for half a dozen earrings instead of the more frequent pair.

Senior Jeff Miller wore his button collection with pride while senior Thurman Jones wore his ever-present white terrycloth headband. Maurice Henderson and Tif McCarter carried their Bibles; Lamar McQueen, his briefcase; and Keith Evans, his hat when it wasn't on his head.

But the most confident individual of all, everyone agreed, had to be senior John Wachowicz. He was easily spotted each day wearing his Northern Nash letter jacket on the campus of Senior High, both inside as well as out.

The people . . . the heartbeat that pulsed inside the Gryphon machine. The faces, the places . . . forever changing, forever the same.

— Staff —

Johnson

On the day before her own bouncing boy is born, English teacher Catherine Tedder ponders the merits of Elizabeth Alicia, Christopher Michael, Osmond Hanson, and Marilyn Erma.

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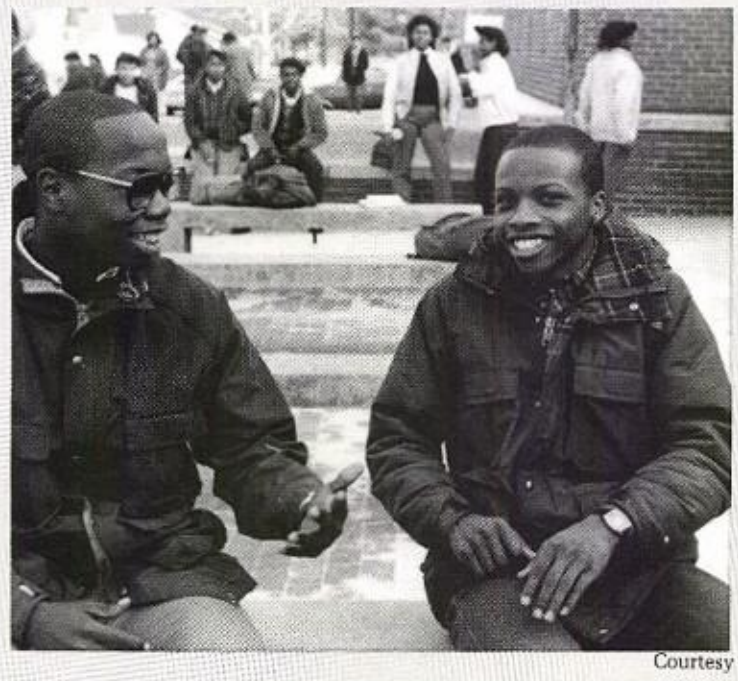

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Enjoying the wait for the afternoon bus, seniors Jesse Dixon and Keith Horton talk about their long-awaited graduation.

Nope, it's not really real, or is it? Cabbage Patch dolls and soft-sculptured dolls are sometimes hard to tell from the real thing, senior Lou Ann Oakley discovers.

Doing their share . . .

Needing a variety of pieces to complete the puzzle, the administration worked together to keep Rocky Mount Senior High running smoothly. Working with the new administration scheme, co-principals Charles Davis and Douglas Watts worked together to help the student body maintain a schedule.

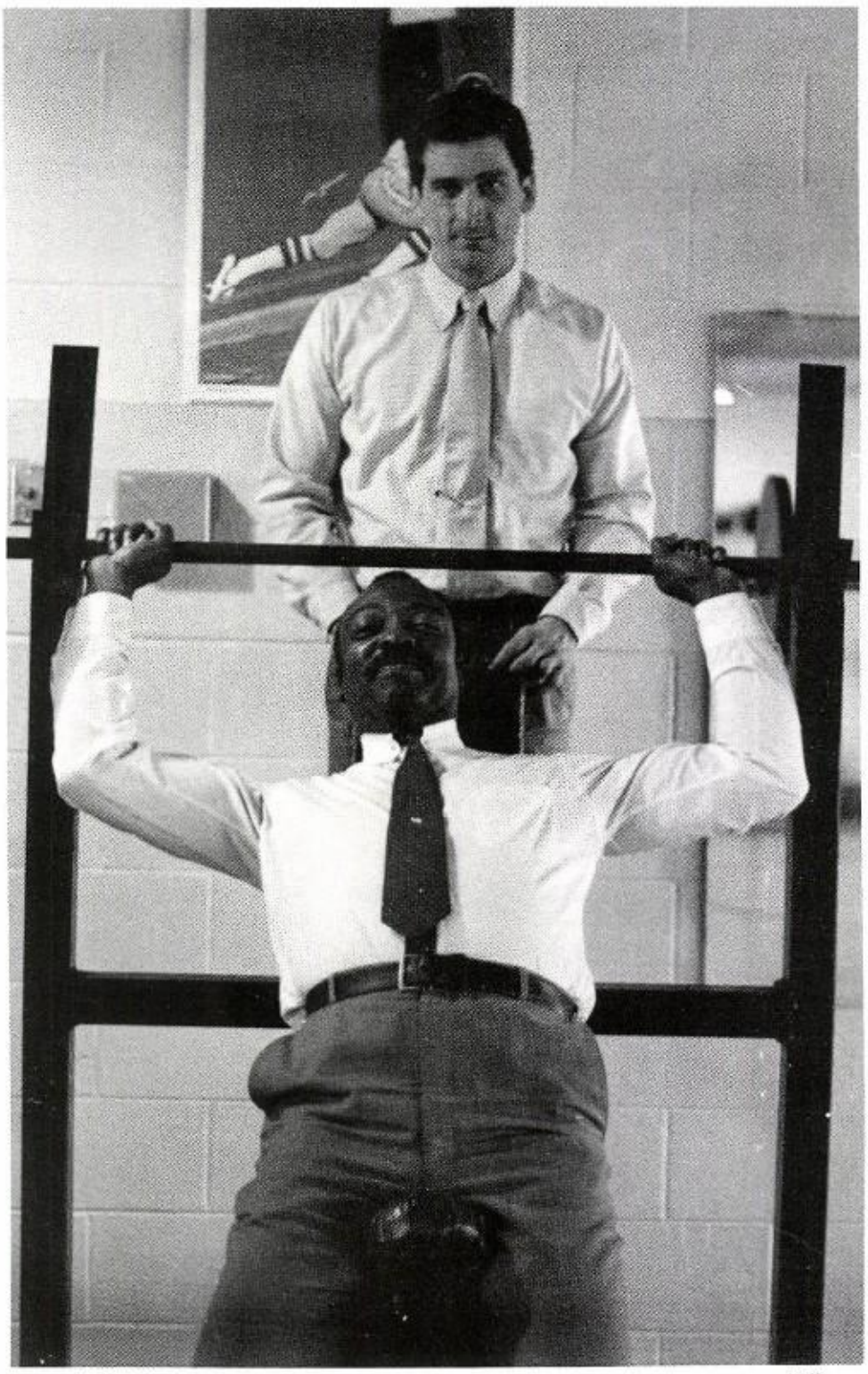
Consistent with the new administration scheme, the number of assistant principals dwindled from three to two. Melvin Riddick worked along with the new assistant principal Stan Bastian to keep the discipline under control. Between the two, they kept Rocky Mount Senior High in tip-top shape.

"File this, run this off, key this into the computer, answer the phone, mail this off!" Jo Ann Mills, Vivian Anderson, and Susie Herrington went through this hectic schedule every weekday. We often forgot about how much hard work these three ladies do. "I never really knew how much work they really had to do until I was an assistant third period," senior Dawn Turnley said.

Melody Williams

Williams

Worried about having the perfect weight for his height, senior Ricky Parks receives help from nurse Vivian Williams.



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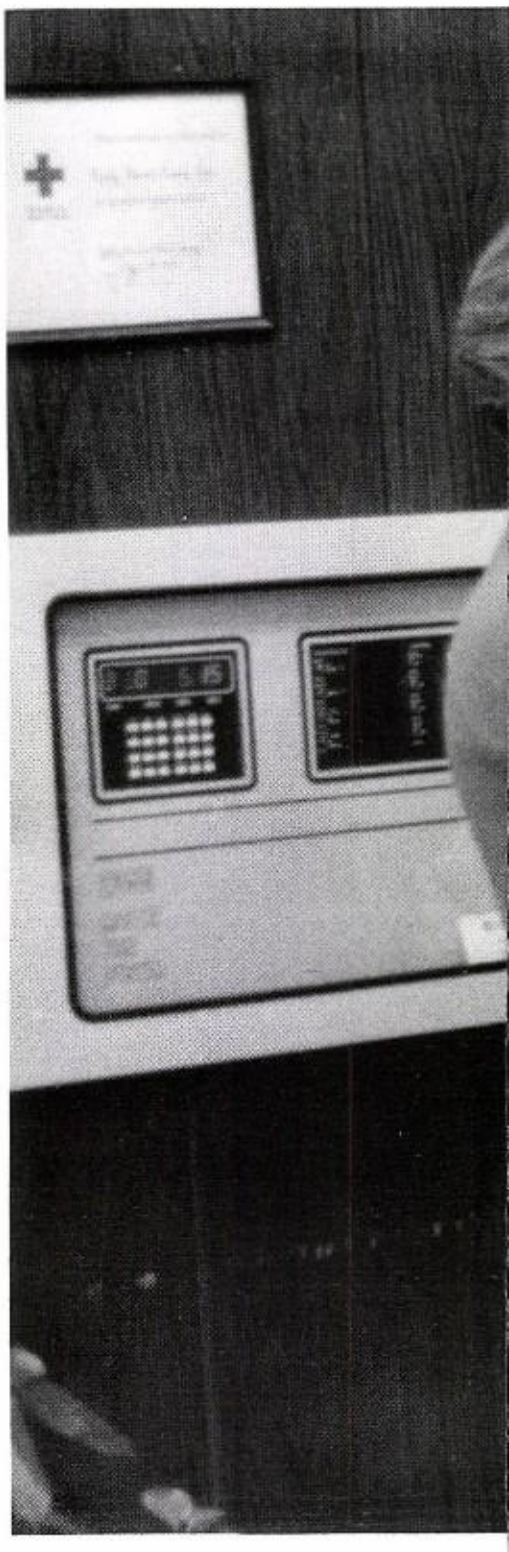
Benching out, Mr. Melvin Riddick works out for extra muscle power while Mr. Stan Bastian helps him.



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Singing into the microphone secretaries Susie Harrington, Jo Ann Mills, and Vivian Anderson share a few laughs.

Going over the problems the day presents, co-principals Douglas Watts and Charles Davis work together for a solution.

Williams

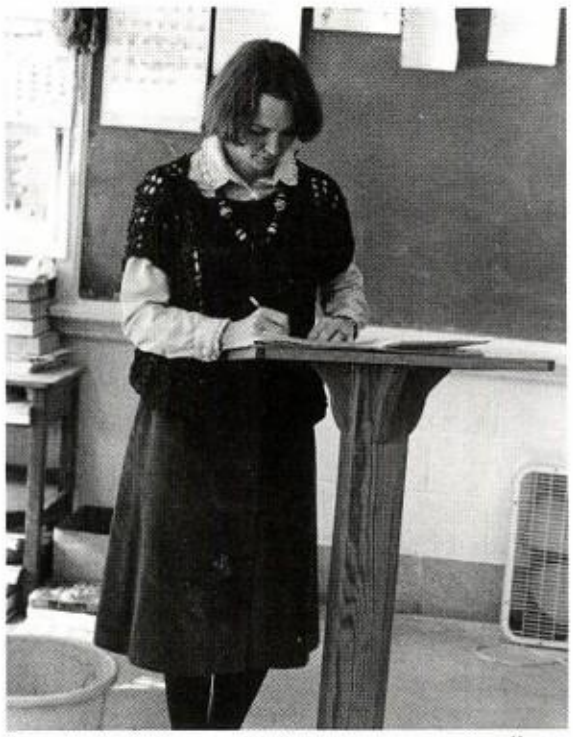
Williams

Working on decisions that may affect the large student population is a tremendous responsibility that the school board does not take lightly.

Seated: Francis Harrison, Ike Davis, Edna Corn, Edythe Tweedy.
Standing: Nehemiah Smith, Sylvia Harris and Robert Zalzneck.

Williams

After a tough day in the guidance department, persistent **Hi-Noc-Ar** photographers can talk the guidance counselors into almost anything. No one would believe this picture happened, but here's proof! Pictured are Linda Taylor, eleventh-grade; Phyllis Horton, tenth grade; Doris Dupuy, secretary, Reclining is William Hutchisson, twelfth grade counselor.



Williams

Caught up in one of her many lectures, Terry Sanford winner Deborah Wilson reviews her notes in preparation for her advanced placement history class.

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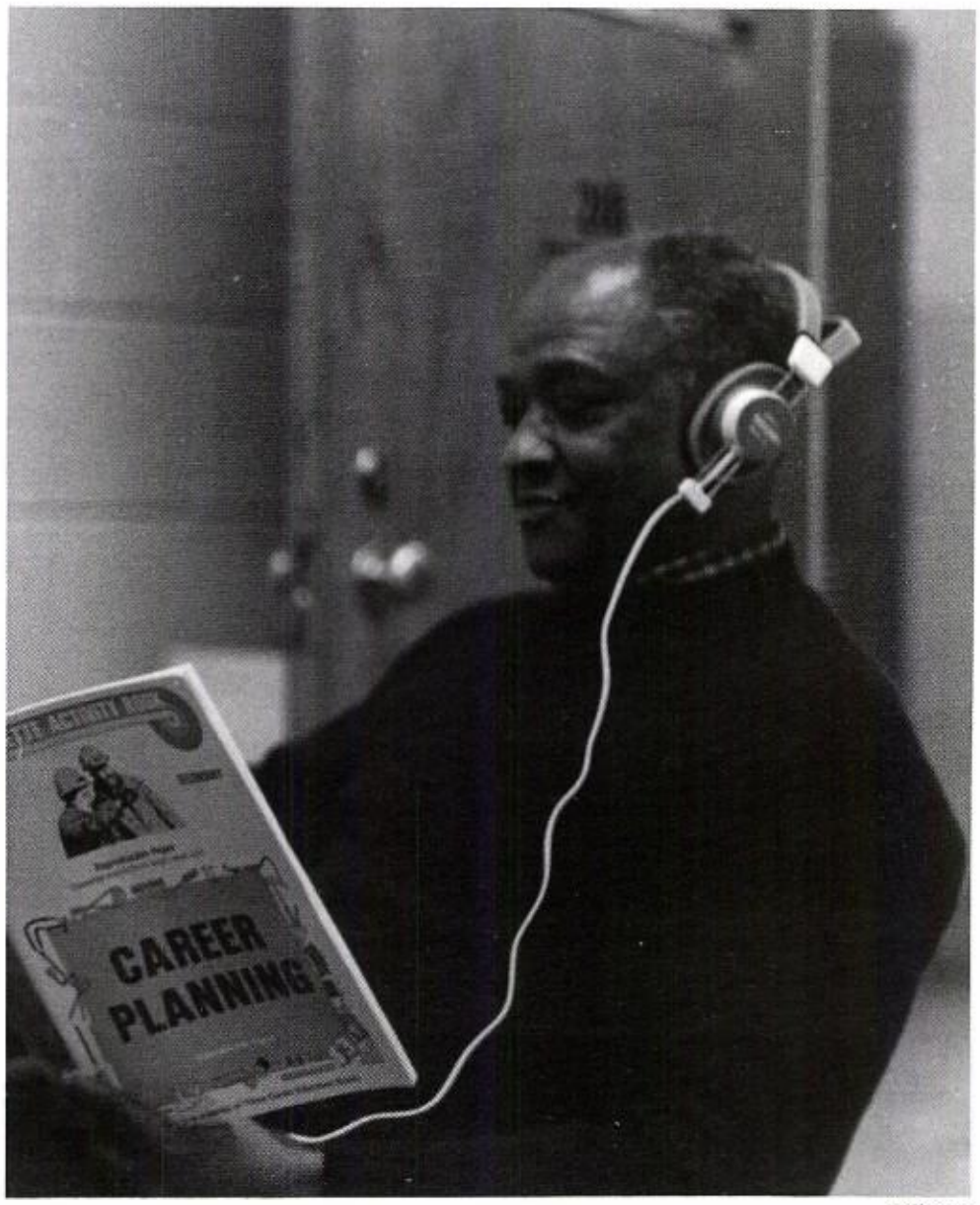
Working diligently, Mrs. Catherine Tedder prepares lesson plans that gained her recognition as Rocky Mount City Schools Teacher of the Year.



Williams

Guion Davis, job placement director, reads his career planning guide while he listens to it on tape.

Wheeling around the library, Ella Davis and Barbara Edwards decide to "do the job the fun way."

Enjoying a meal that they prepared are cafeteria workers: Mary Williams, Annie Deloatch, Arlene Parker, Louise Wilson, Jo Ann Lucas, Glennace Pearse, Faye Edwards, Madge Williams, Jean Moss, Betty Smith, Sally Pridgen, Ben Harris, Shirley Thomas.

Williams

Williams

Completing the picture

Introducing a fully accredited 4-A school with all the trimmings — Rocky Mount Senior High. Inside the outer shell spelling "success," the real work and core is often overlooked. Guidance counselors, teachers, librarians, and janitors did the work that was rarely fully acknowledged.

Mailing transcripts, keeping records, or just simply giving advice, the guidance counselors William Hutchisson, Phyllis Horton, and Linda Taylor handled many of the important details of **l'academia a la Rocky Mount Senior High.**

"My relationship to the guidance department has been most useful and informing. Where else can you find someone to listen to your problems on the spur of the moment?" junior Kevin Cox said.

Another task often taken for granted is that of the librarians. Organizing books, keeping records, and just keeping the place in order proved a mammoth duty. If it were not for the special care of librarians Ella Davis, Barbara Edwards, and Sarah Newton, the library would not have been as conducive to studying as it was.

Keeping a building in repair was no simple chore. Whether changing light bulbs, sweeping the hallways, or locking up the school, our staff of custodians was always on the job. Featuring such stars as Fred Dupree and Kenneth Smith, the custodial and maintenance staffs always managed to keep things in order.

The only gratitude most teachers received is perhaps a thank-you from a former student. Recognition was one area where Senior High was not lacking. Deborah Wilson, history teacher, received the Terry Sanford award for excellence for creative teaching while Catherine Tedder was selected as Rocky Mount's Teacher of the Year.

"I think it is absolutely necessary that we who go to Senior High should appreciate the behind-the-scenes effort. Too often we take these things for granted," senior Johnnie Umphlet said.

—Melody Williams & Sandy Roberson

Teachers are people, too

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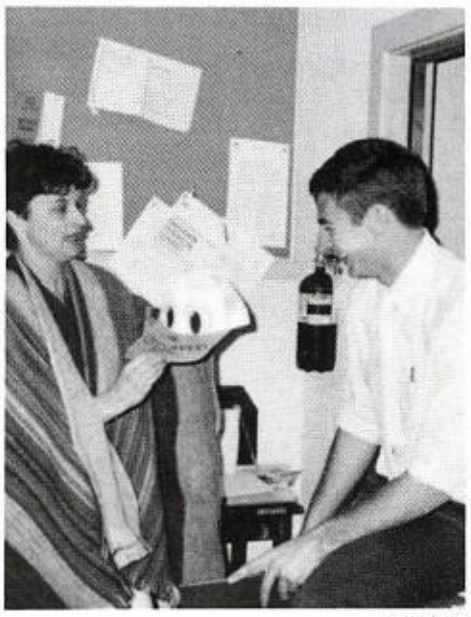

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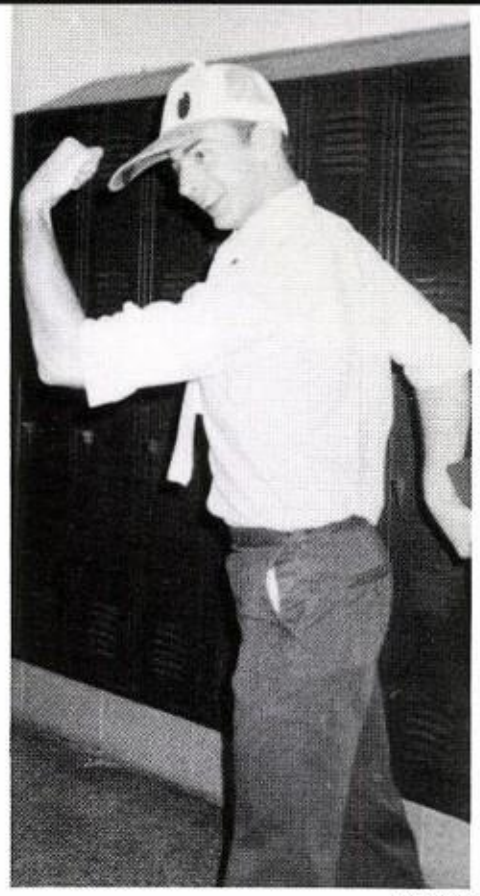
Coming to everyone's rescue, Mr. Timmy Tucker receives a Mr. Lifesaver hat from Mrs. Jane Parvin. "It takes muscles," he believes.



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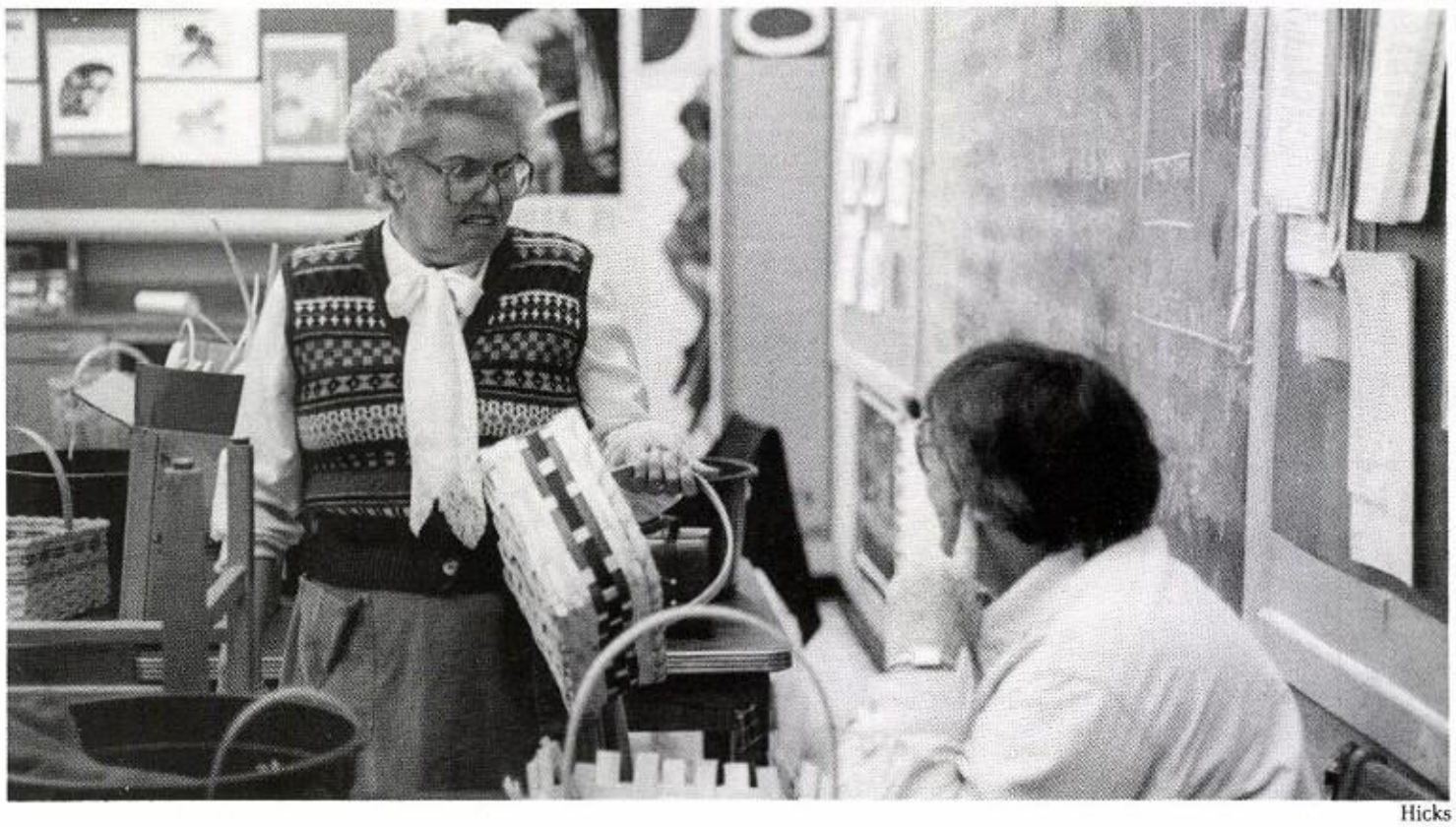

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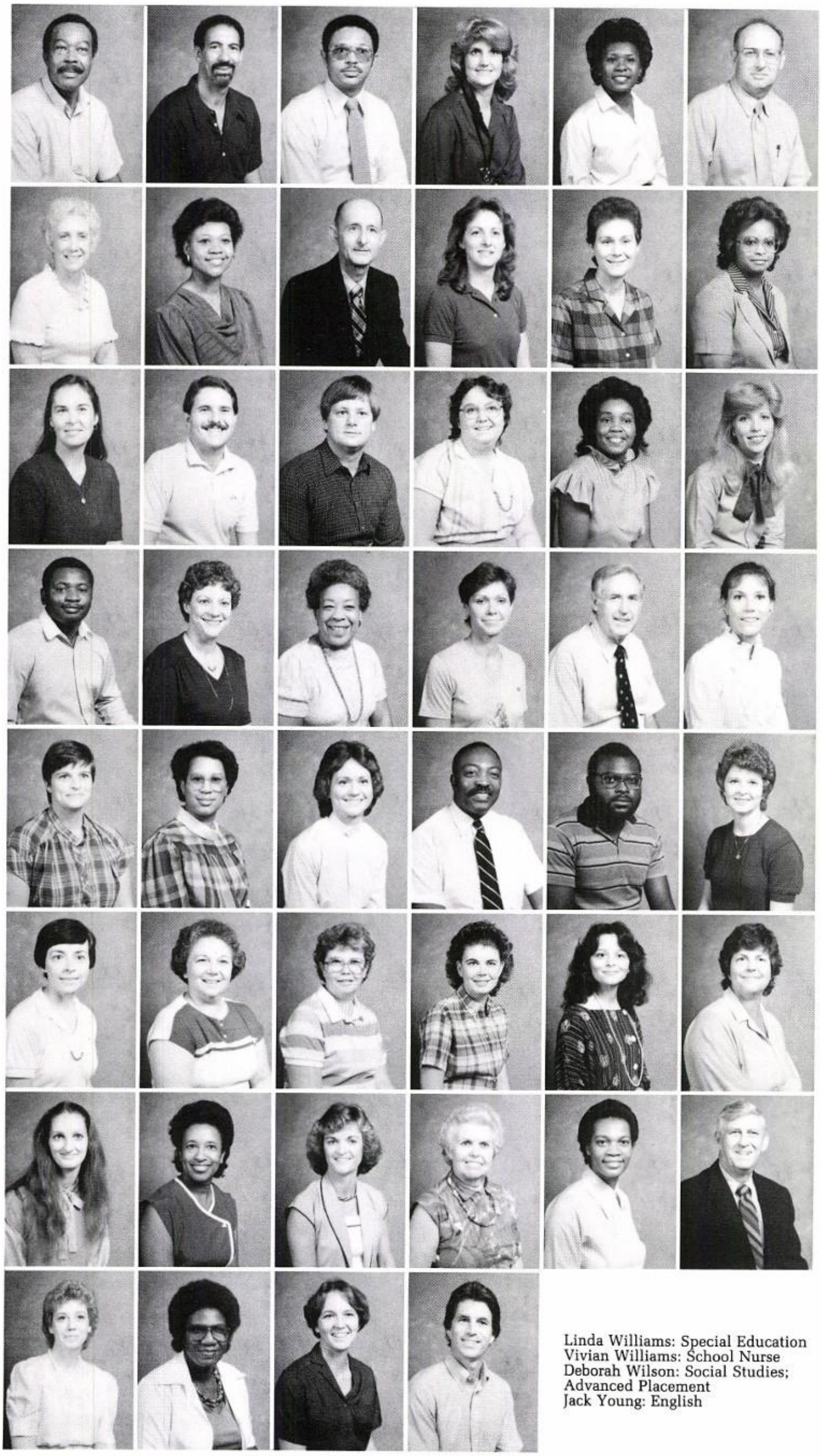
Junior-senior night provides an opportunity to see students in their finest and to enjoy a bit of punch, know Mrs. Elizabeth Hardy, Mrs. Debbie Webb, and Mr. Timmy Tucker. **Even teachers need a hobby.** Mrs. Jane White and Mrs. Sarah Speight find basketweaving fun.

Vivian Anderson: Secretary/Treasurer
Margie Brantley: Health Occupations
Sara Brown: Social Studies, Psychology
Shirley Bullock: Business
Bernie Capps: Athletic Trainer
Joyce Colwell: Mathematics

Gerald Costen: Social Studies
Howard V. Cutts: Social Studies
Susan Dollar: Social Studies
Ella Davis: Librarian
Eleanor Doyle: Chemistry
Barbara Edwards: Librarian

Evelyn Ford: Home Economics
Sue Ford: Biology
Claudia Fuerst: Social Studies
Reba Fulghum: Chemistry
Carolyn Grantham: Home Economics
Elizabeth Hardy: English



Williford Hart: Mathematics
Reggie Henderson: Physical Education
Weldon Hendricks: Vocational Education
Paula Hicks: Special Education
Charlotte Holloway: Business
Robert Horne: Distributive Education

Phyllis Horton: Guidance
Aletha Hudson: English, Dramatics
William Hutchisson: Guidance
Evelyn Jenkins: Computer Programming
Gail Jenkins: English
Rowena Johnson: Business

Nancy Jones: English, Latin, Advanced Placement
Steve Keeter: Vocational Education
George Kelley: Football
Debra Kincheloe: English, Hi-Noc-Ar
Martha Lewis: Mathematics
Katie McGee: Home Economics

Larry McCrae: Vocational Education
Gay Mullinix: Physics, Mathematics
Sylvia Myers: Special Education
Helen Nicholson: French
Carleton Nowell: Vocational Education
Tammy Parker: Biology

Jane Parvin: Spanish
Laverne Perscell: Distributive Education
Barbara Pierce: Computer Programming
Melvin Riddick: Assistant Principal
Curtis Rushing: Social Studies
Elaine Rose: Social Studies, Economics

Ann Ruggiero: English
Suzanne Sifford: Spanish
Barbara Story: Science
Carol Taylor: Mathematics
Catherine Tedder: English
Linda Tharin: Mathematics

Karen Thompson: Art
Bessie Tyson: Business
Debbie Webb: English
Jane White: Business
Lendora Wideman: Home Economics
Gilbert Watkins: Vocational Education

Linda Williams: Special Education
Vivian Williams: School Nurse
Deborah Wilson: Social Studies; Advanced Placement
Jack Young: English

Being a senior means . . .

. . . working hard all semester to be exempt from exams.

. . . getting up at 4:30 on the first day of school and being on the roof at 5:00 a.m.

. . . you can yell at the tops of your lungs at pep rallies and no one will laugh at you.

. . . many privileges: two college days, sitting on the bottom row of the bleachers, being the first to leave assemblies, and being the first to reach their cars.

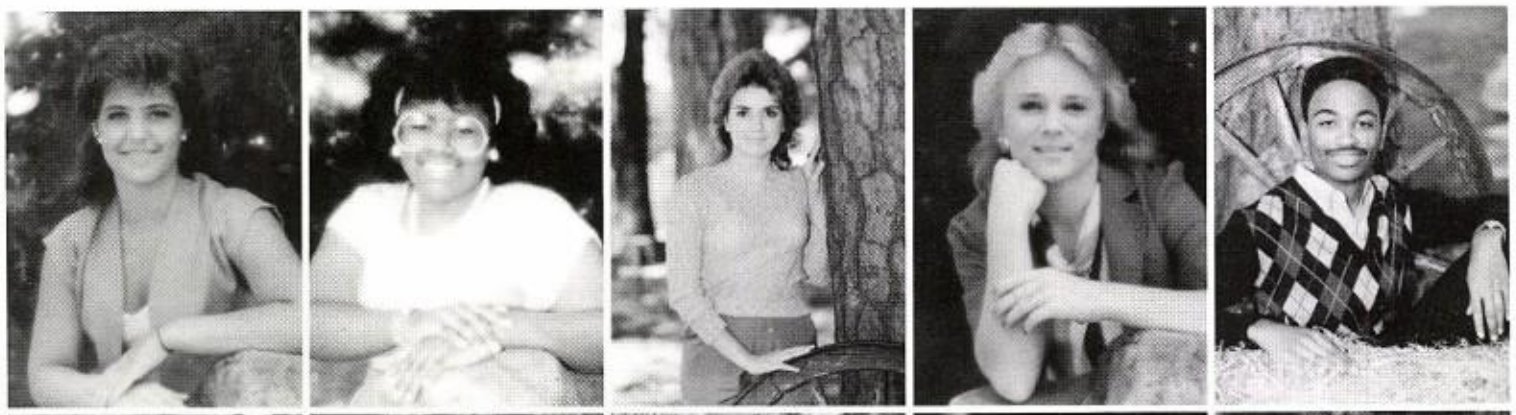
. . . what all sophomores and juniors strive to be.

. . . looking back at the past years with special friends and realizing that your days of being together are drawing to an end.

— Lea Daughtridge —

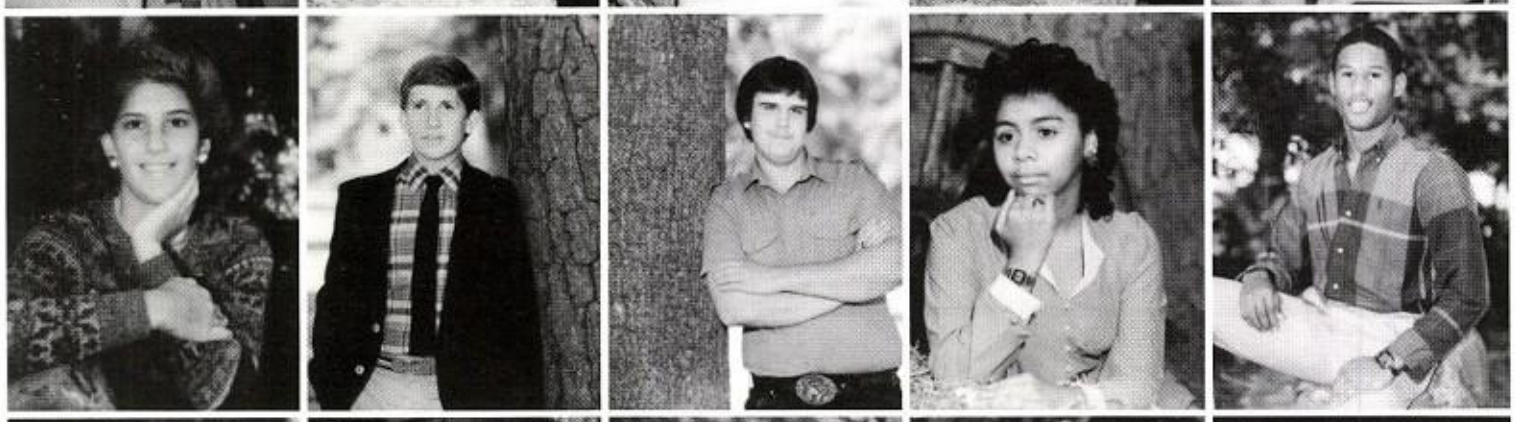
Who would ever believe it? When this bunch of kids first started to school in September, 1972, they acted much more mature than they did 12 years later on the first day of their last year in school. Regression? You betcha!

Teresa Diane Abrams
Joan Beverly Adams
Sheryl Lynn Adams
Teresa Faye Adams
Freddie Allen



Angela Alston
Robert Lee Alston
Wanda Jo Alston
Deborah Lynne Anderson
Ruric Clesby Anderson

Sherry Michelle Andrews
Steven Ruffin Armstrong
Joseph Charlie Arnold
Jhana Mia Arrieta
James Earl Arrington



Tonya Deandrea Arrington
Rainey Lee Astin
James Edward Avent
William Neil Avent
Jill Charlene Baker

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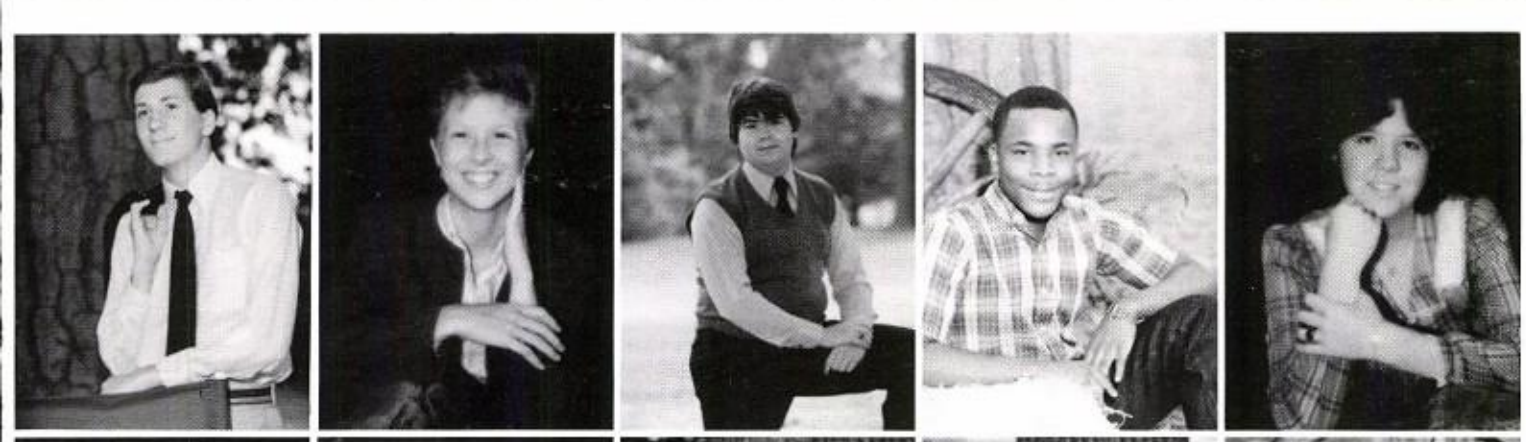
Flashdance: Seniors Marti Mucci, Amy Daniel, and Lee Wimberley move to the senior beat in their home-grown, home un-sewn class of 1985 shirts.

Seniors



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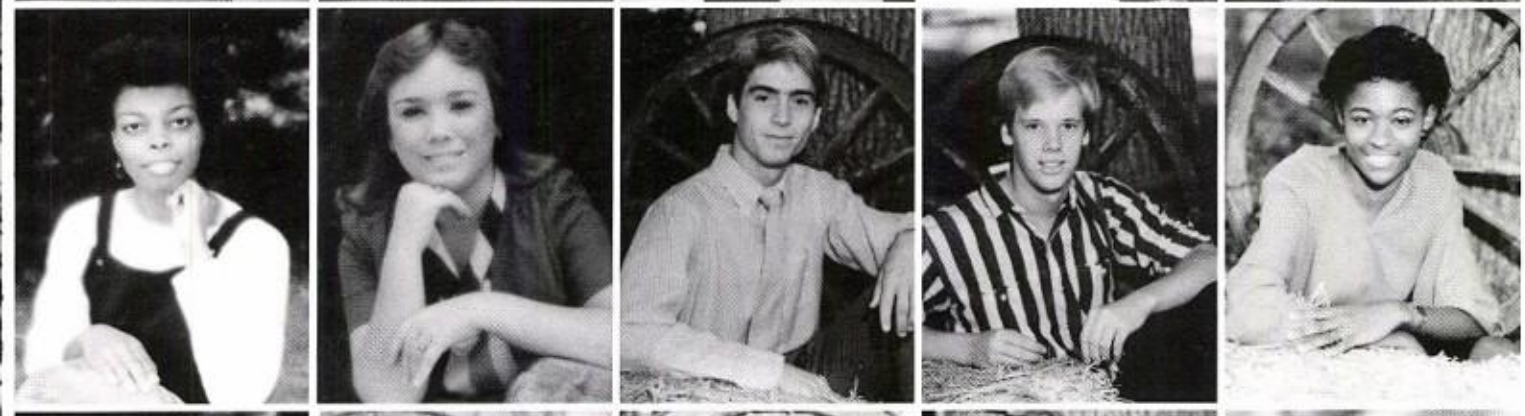
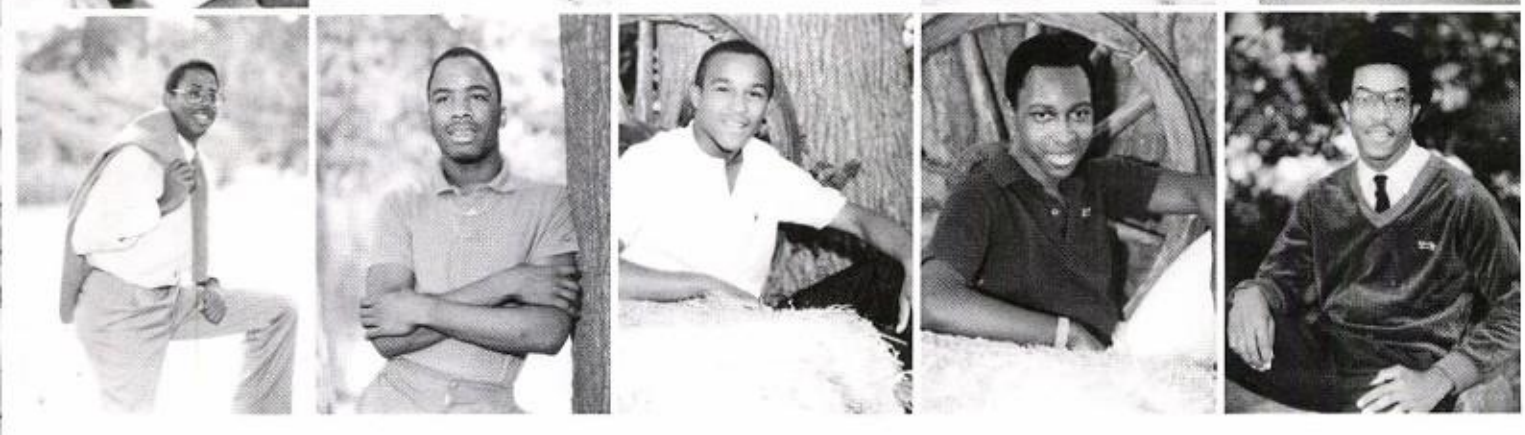
- Betty Jean Barfield
Donald Ray Barnes
Jeffrey Barnes
- Joy Lynette Barnes



Lisa Lynette Barnes
Susan Lorraine Barwick
- Stephen Stanley Bastian
- Bradford Hodge Batchelor
Ada Selena Battle

Bridgette Tuwanda Battle
Joe Earl Battle
- Kenneth Undrey Battle
Marcus Albert Battle
Nichelle Rena Battle



- Ray Anthony Battle
Timothy Battle
Timothy Randall Battle
Tyrone Battle
- Ernest Roland Batts

Breaking patterns

Ever since you were six or seven, the routine has been the same. Fall marked the beginning of school and the summer would bring school to an end. For 12 years, this pattern remained unbroken. Of course, you grew during all these years and you changed; but, when fall came, you went back to school.

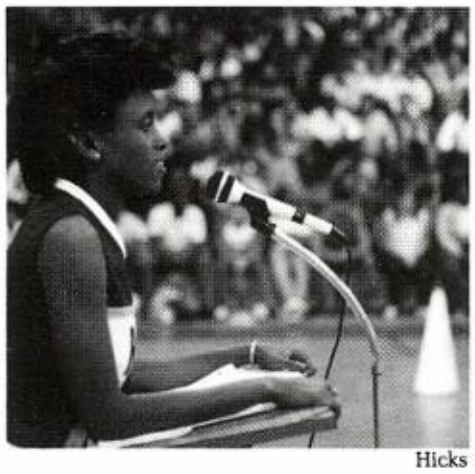
Patterns, however, do not last forever. Graduation is a time of change. You lose the routine to which you have become accustomed and go on to something different and new. Instead of leaving this school for a short vacation, you are leaving it forever.

And where do you go from here? College or work; independence or continued dependence . . . ? What do you do now? This decision you have probably made already. The future, though, is still scary and is still unknown. You have new tasks to complete and new goals to reach for.

The old pattern is gone. A new one is already being made . . .

Melinda Everett

Urging the Gryphons to show their spirit is senior Angela Franklin, school spirit committee leader.



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Who will ever forget that infamous first day of school?

Senior Tanya Weaver carries her balloons back to the dance floor for one last dance.

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Clowning around in English class are Darrell Leonard, Jewel Sharpe, and Kevin Mangum.

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The Beach. Reflections of days warmed by the rays of the sun as well as the thoughts of friends.

"I'm so glad I go to Senior High!" sing the students on the first row of bleachers.

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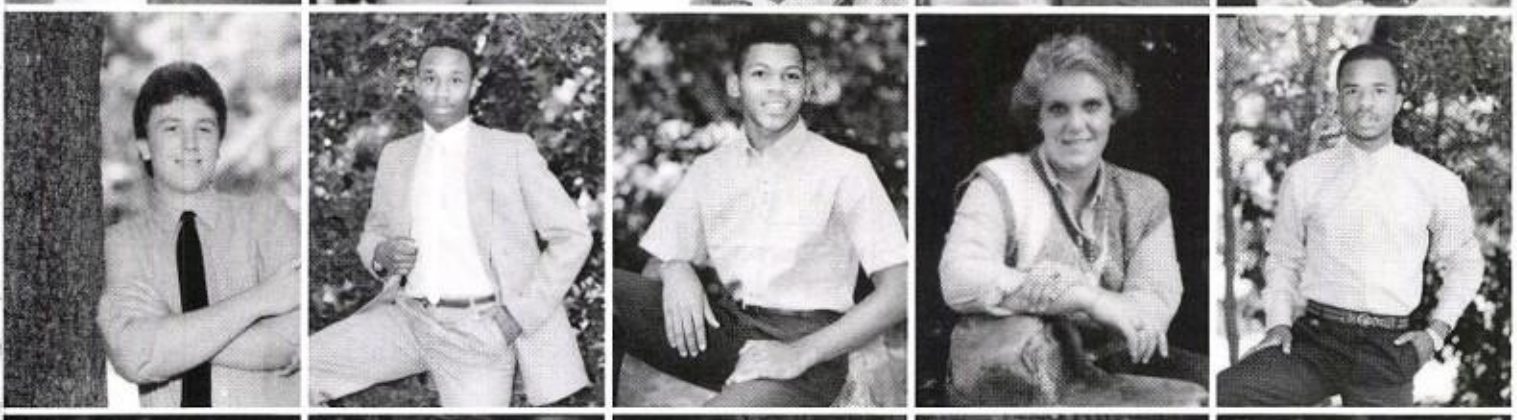
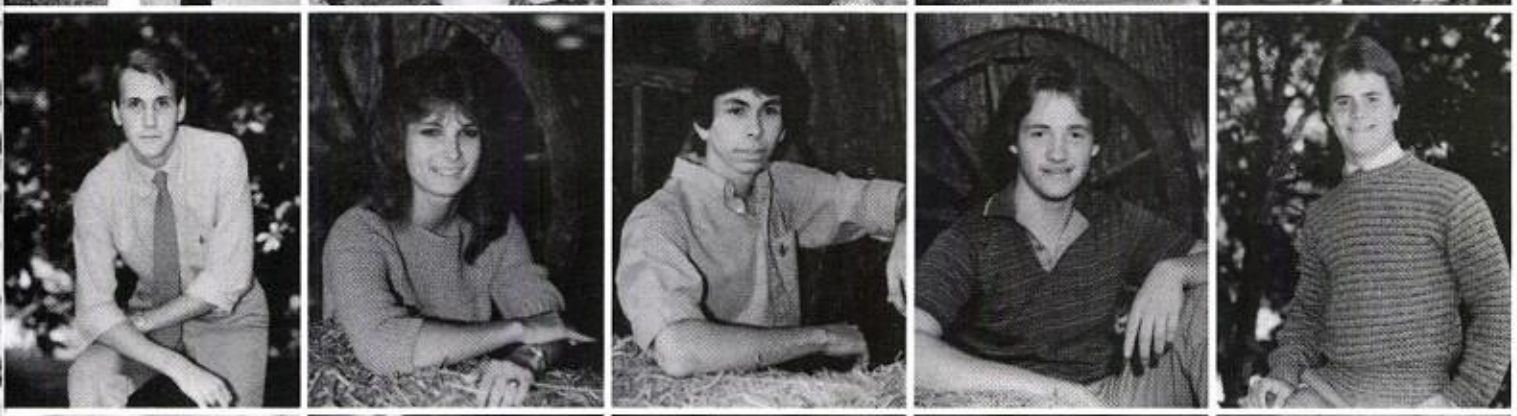
Pulling down the night's leftovers, Elizabeth Cooper and Cindy Wise remember the magic.

• Donna Marie Bazzle
• Dean Allen Beabout
Orsino Lazarus Bell
• Tanya Smith Bell
Angela Jean Bellamy



• Todd Louis Best
Shawn Leander Bethea
Shawn Vincent Blount
• Amy Jennifer Boehm
Delphia Lorenza Boney



• James Fountain Booth
Terri Elaine Bottoms
• Roland Terry Boyd
• James Calvin Braden
• Sean Clifford Braly

Dale Bridges
• Sherry Lynn Bridges
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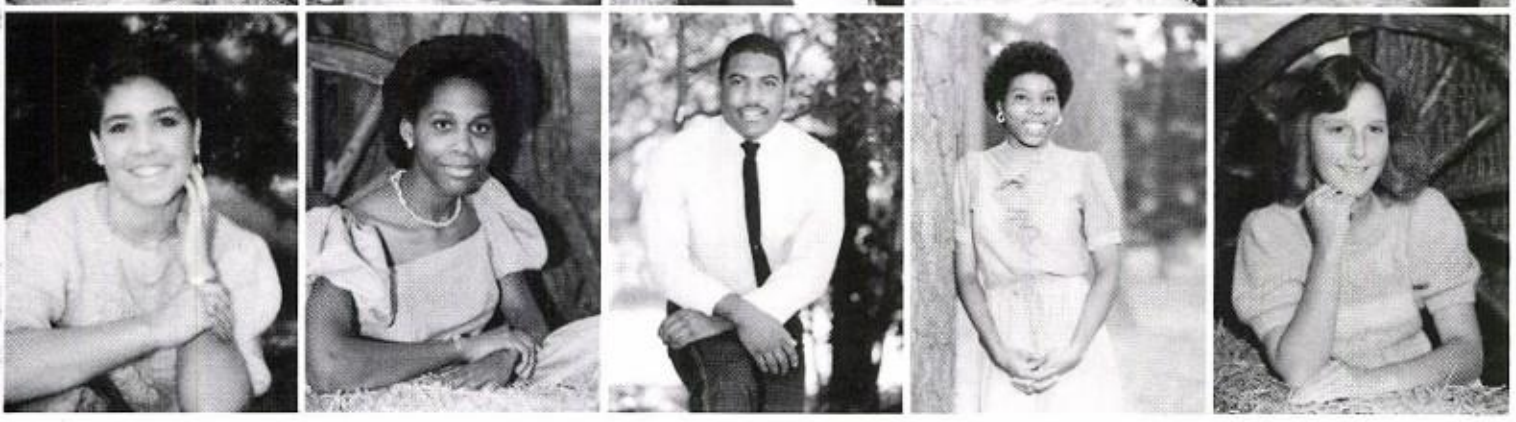
• George Carlton Brown
• Hope Lynette Brown

Lavinia Brown
Donna Amanda Bullard
• Cedrick Lamont Bullock
Gardenia Bulluck
• Henry Thomas Bulluck



• Kimberly Annette Bulluck
Lisa Michele Bulluck
• Nathan Jerome Bulluck
Lois Ann Burnette
• Patricia Lynn Butler

You've Got a friend . . .

"Senior friendships are the friendships that remain with you for the rest of your life," senior Melody Williams said. Throughout one's high school years, friendships are developed and strengthened. These friendships survived through many hardships.

"The friendship that you established during your high school years help you get through all the ups and downs, getting through college interviews and living with turndowns," senior Debbie Estes said. Knowing that those special friends would always be there when needed made all the times shared in high school easier and special. As in the refrain of the graduating class of '85's school song, "Winter, spring, summer, and fall; all you have to do is call, and I'll be there . . . you've got a friend . . ."

Cindy Wise

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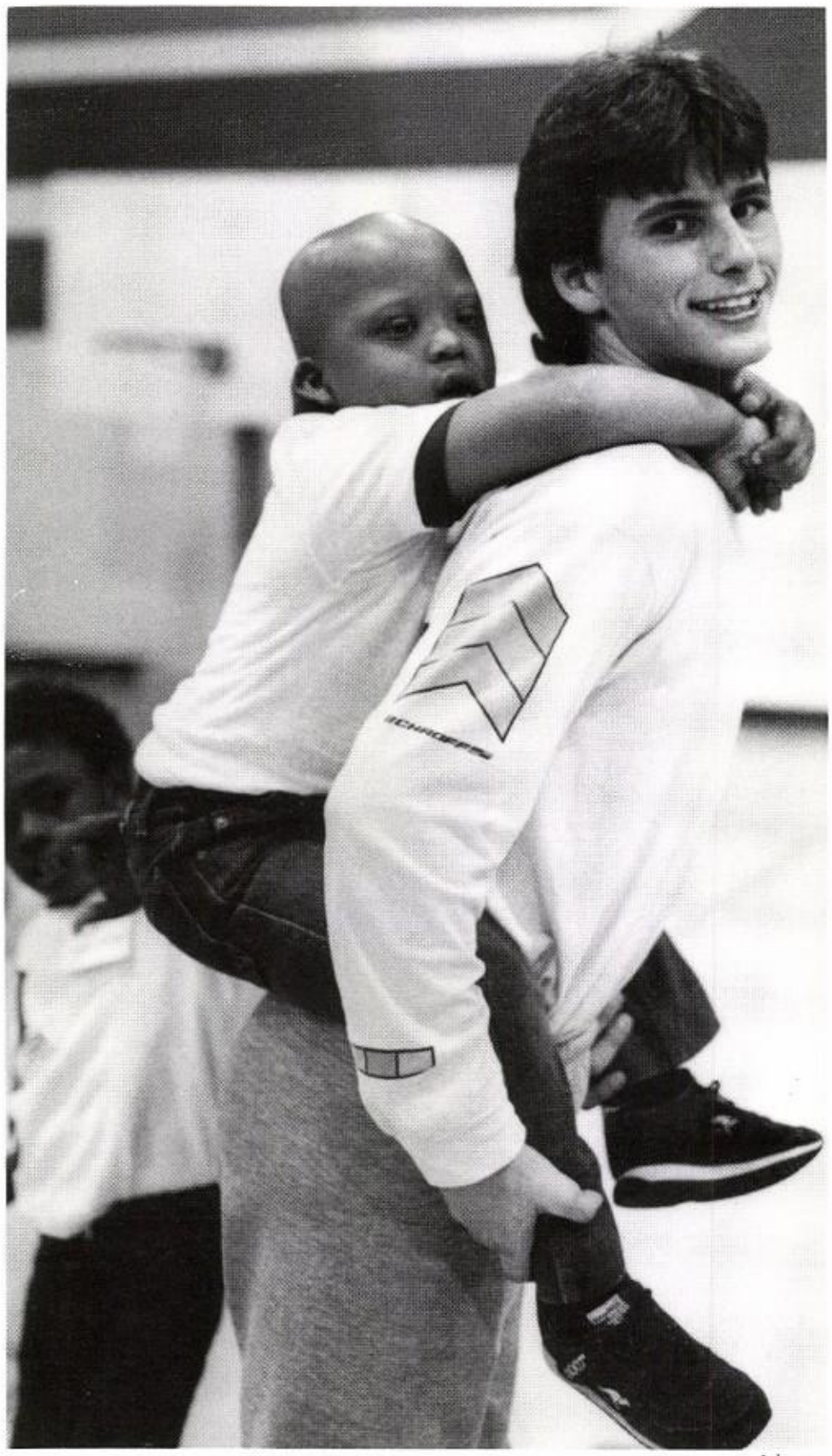
Lending a helping hand, seniors Mike Edwards and Hope Brown work with each other while practicing rifle skills.



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Enjoying the games with the special Olympians, senior Matthew Westcott has the opportunity to meet and become special friends with the participants.

Seniors

Felishia Deloris Bynum
Tammi Yvette Bynum
Thomas Matthew Bynum
Timothy Keith Bynum
Tracey Lamont Bynum

Andrea Dawn Campbell
Karen Bea Cantrell
Monica Dontelaye Card
Cassandra Cherry
David Cherry

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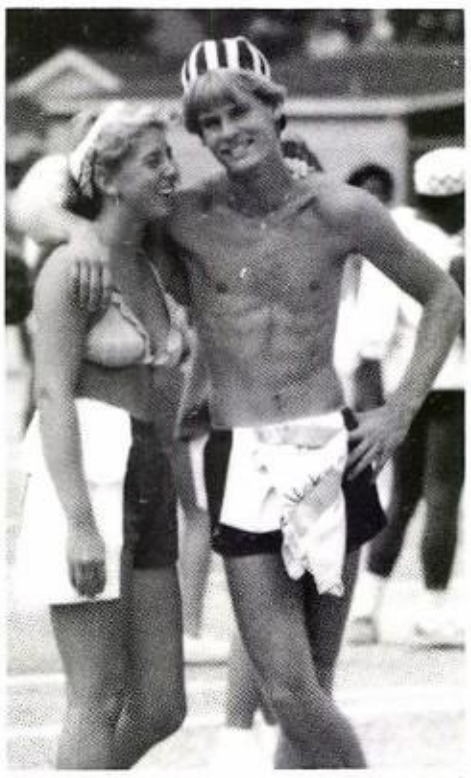
Working to show their class spirit and support, the senior class shows the sophomores and juniors a friendly welcome.



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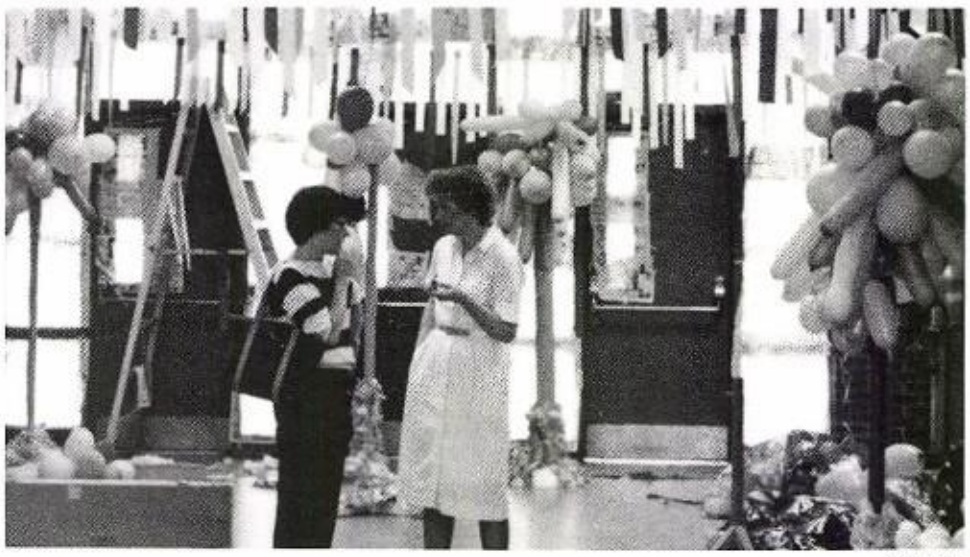
Getting a break from band practice, seniors Katherine Wiggins and Andy Metcalf step away from the group to have a friendly conversation.

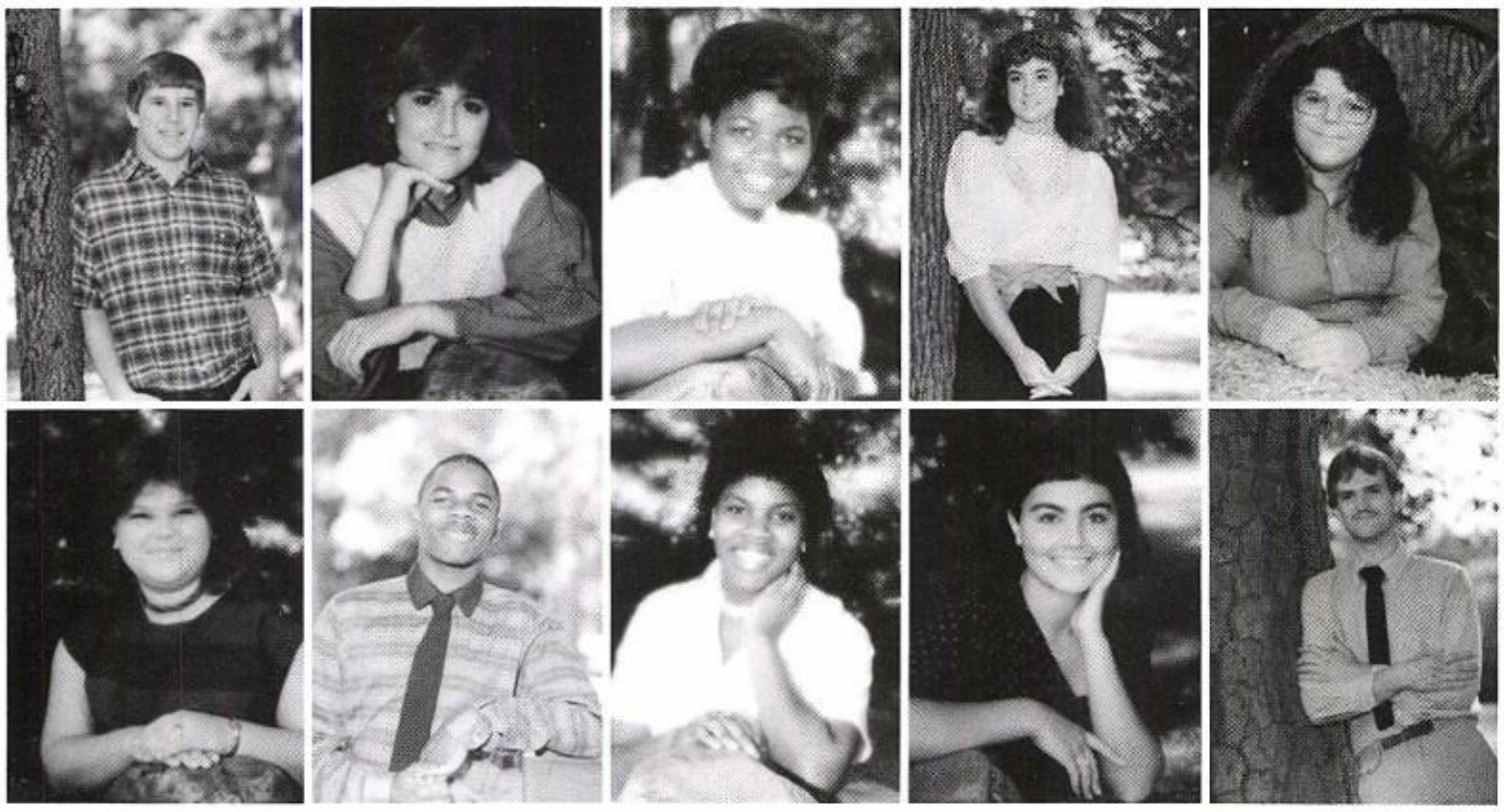
Daughtridge

Going to the fair gives seniors Katherine Wiggins, Junior Tony Carmichael, sophomore Harrison Tulloss, and Stephanie Overton an excuse to get together with friends.



Kinchloe

Striving to make the Junior-Senior of '84 A great success, homeroom teachers Ann Ruggiero and Linda Williams discuss the final decoration plans for the dance.



- Shelton Juan Chesson
- Jennifer Dale Churchwell
  Marcia Denise Coleman
- Carmen Bell Coley
  Charlotte Andrea Coley

Carol Ann Conway
Acey Cooper, Jr.
Cynthia Miranda Cooper
- Elizabeth Ashley Cooper
  Kenneth Corbitt

Ten years from now . . .

I will be in my first year as head football coach at Greensboro Page High School.

Juan Chesson

I plan to be teaching in grades K-4. I hope to be married and have two kids.

Jennifer Hawkins

I plan to be a Certified Public Accountant and a business graduate working as an athletic director with a major college. I hope to be married with two kids, a boy and a girl.

Steve Armstrong

I hope to be a history teacher, preferably with tenure.

Jennifer Gregg

I hope to be a special education teacher making a decent salary.

Renee Fountain

I will be married with two kids. I will be playing second base opposite Bill Merrifield at shortstop. We will both be in the California Angels Organization. I will be making a mere $450,000 per year. (Part of which will be donated annually to the RMSH athletic department.)

Neil Avent

I will probably be celebrating my first wedding anniversary. I probably won't have any children yet. I'll be living in Raleigh or Greensboro. I'll be working as a business administrator.

Laura Haste

I will be a detective in a large city. I'll be married to a pretty blonde and we will have one child. We will have a nice house, and there we will live happily ever after.

Steve Bastian

I plan to be a successful computer programmer with a nice car and home and a family.

Carlton Harrison

I hope to have a successful job, a happy marriage, and maybe even my first child.

Virginia Iler

I hope to be happily married, have a good job, and have lots of money.

Kathryn Fisher

I would like to be working as an electrician.

Mable Hedgepeth

I will hopefully be either a computer systems analyst or finishing my doctoral degree in computer science.

David Hollar

I would love to be in the U.S. Air Force or either at the Post Office.

Capressa Hatfield

I hope to have completed the Naval Academy and be serving as a pilot in the Navy.

Stephen Locke

I will have finished college and law school, making my own income, and thinking seriously about marriage.

Tanya Weaver

I hope to be married, a child psychologist, and thinking about starting a family.

Amy Daniel

I will be out of Rocky Mount and North Carolina, too. I'll probably be in New York or L.A.

Tyrone Battle

I plan to be the executive vice-president of a company in Raleigh, North Carolina. I hope to marry and have no more than two children.

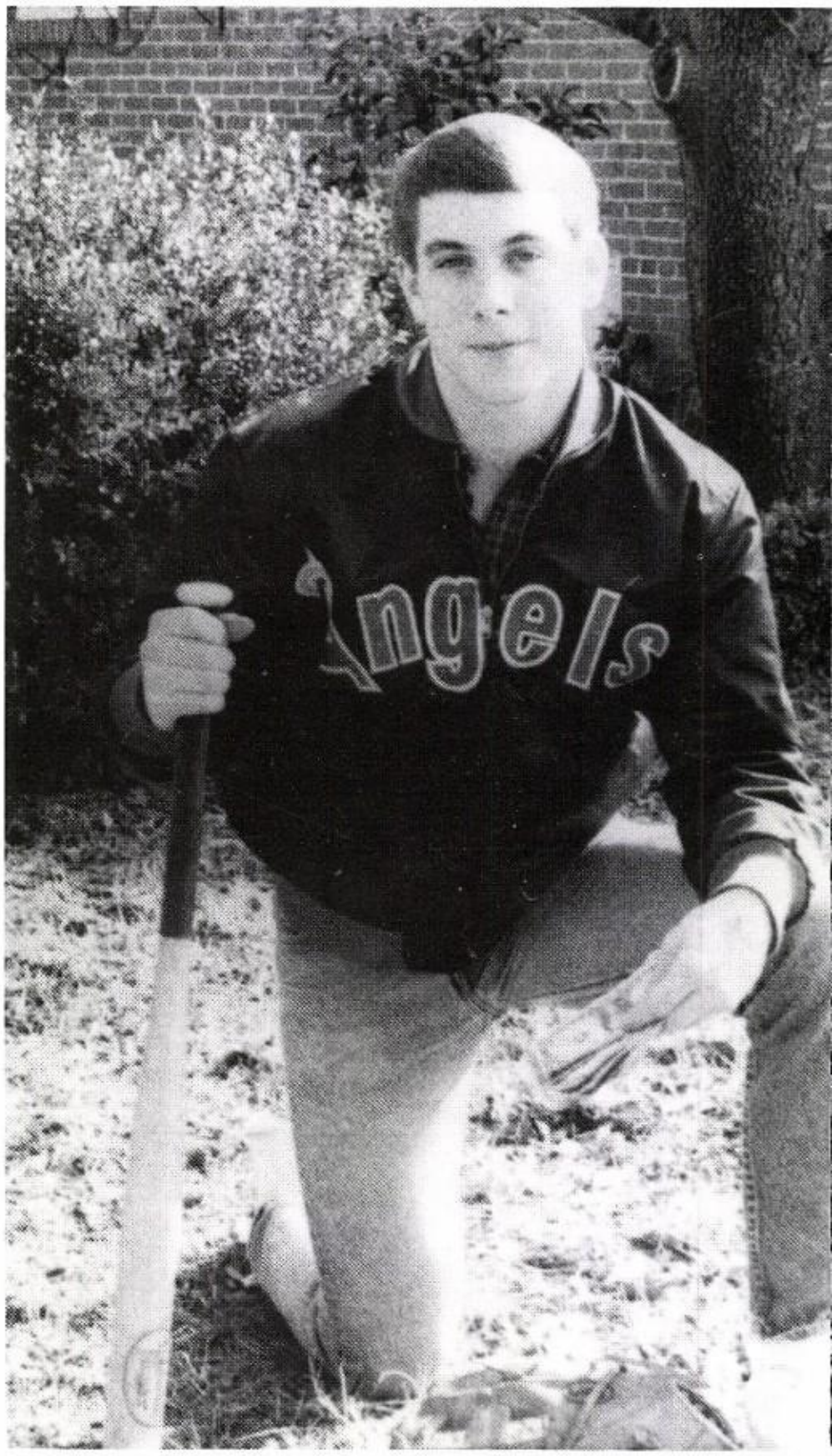
Gloria Hayes

We plan to be partyin' and still having fun!

Jodi Henke, Stephanie Hickey, Dana Harvard, and Sherry Hendricks

I hope to be a successful medical researcher as well as a successful husband hunter.

Katurah Hartley



Seniors

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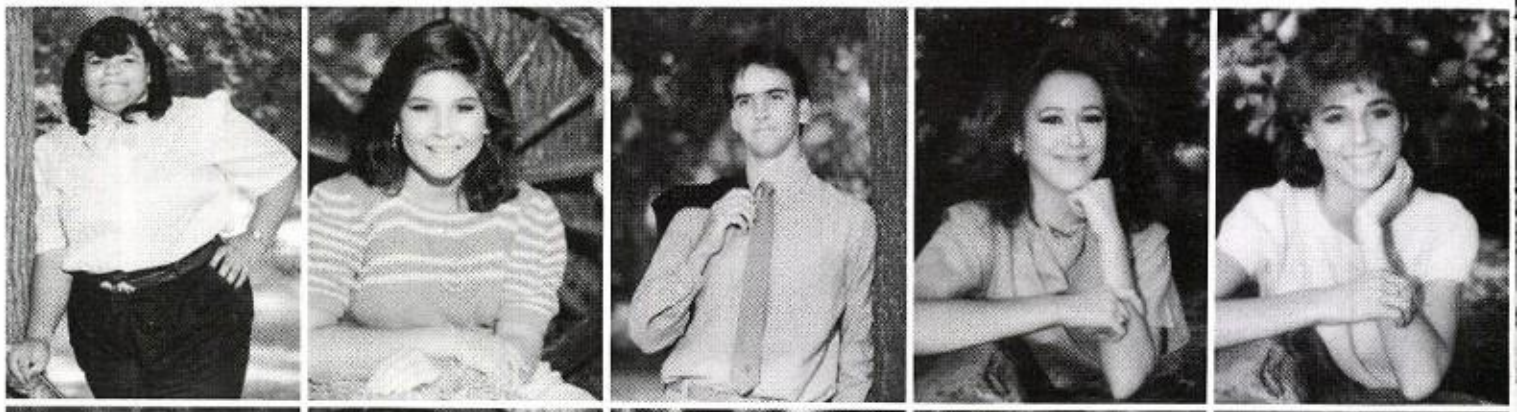
Kimberly Anne Courtney
Donald Renfrow Craft
Amy Charlene Croom
Cynthia Denise Culpepper



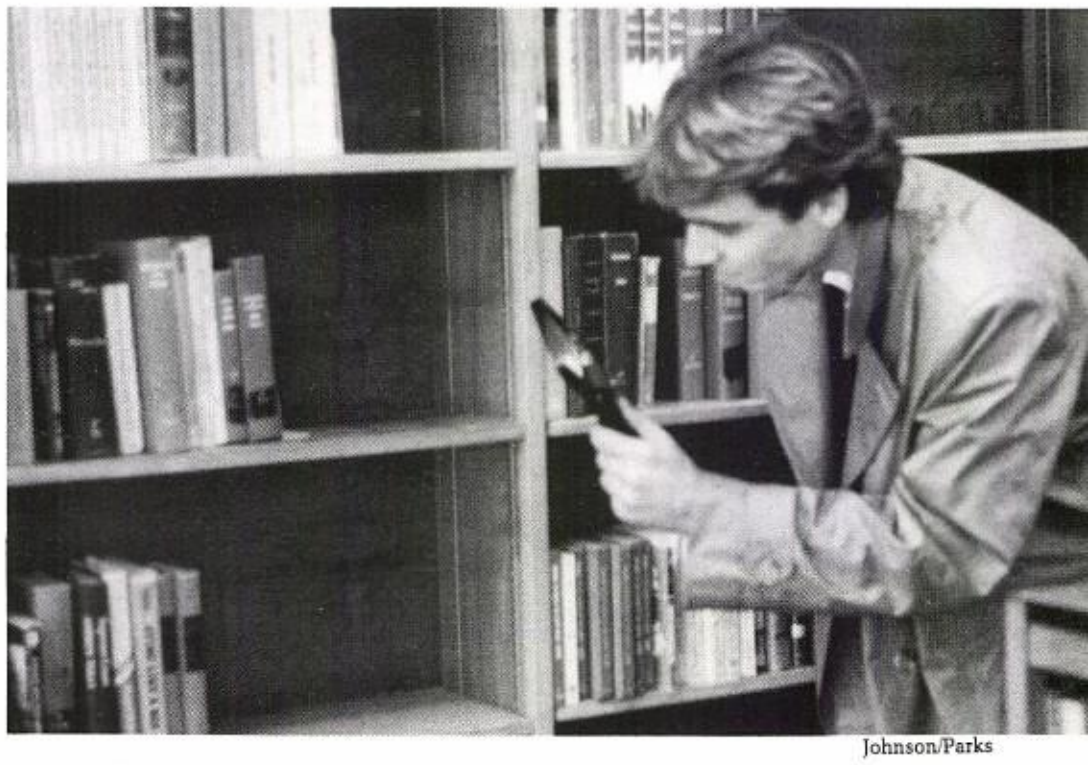
Crissie Louise Curtis
Amy Carol Daniel
Barbara Jean Daniels
Alma Lea Daughtridge
Anthony Dwight Davis

Johnson/Parks

Glow of dough. Neil Avent dreams of a certain brilliance in baseball.

Johnson/Parks

Wedding bells appear to be the sound Kathryn Fisher most wants to hear.



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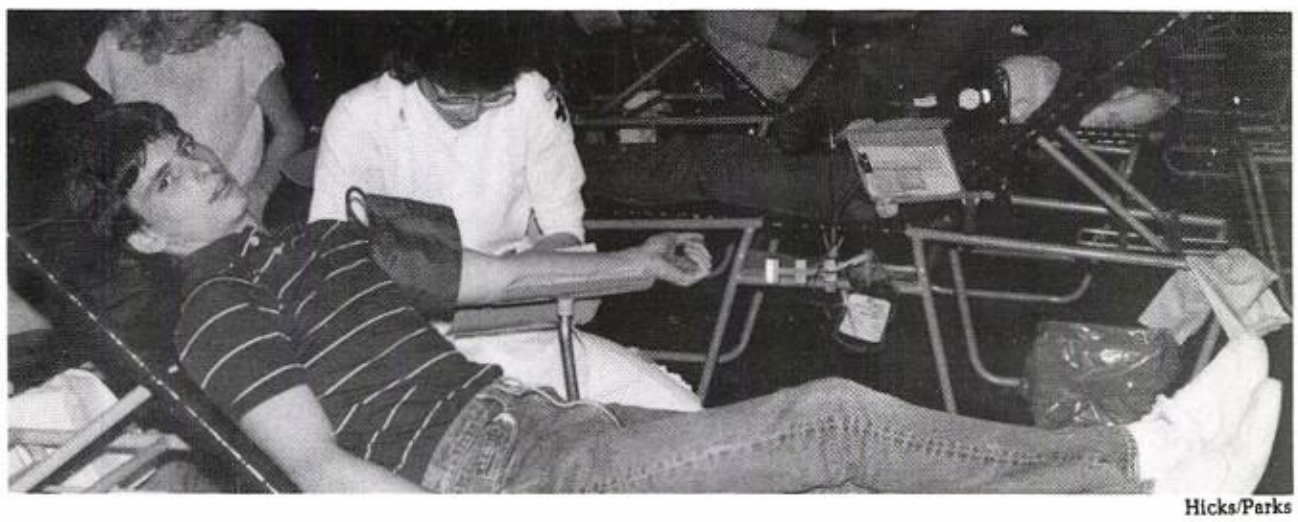
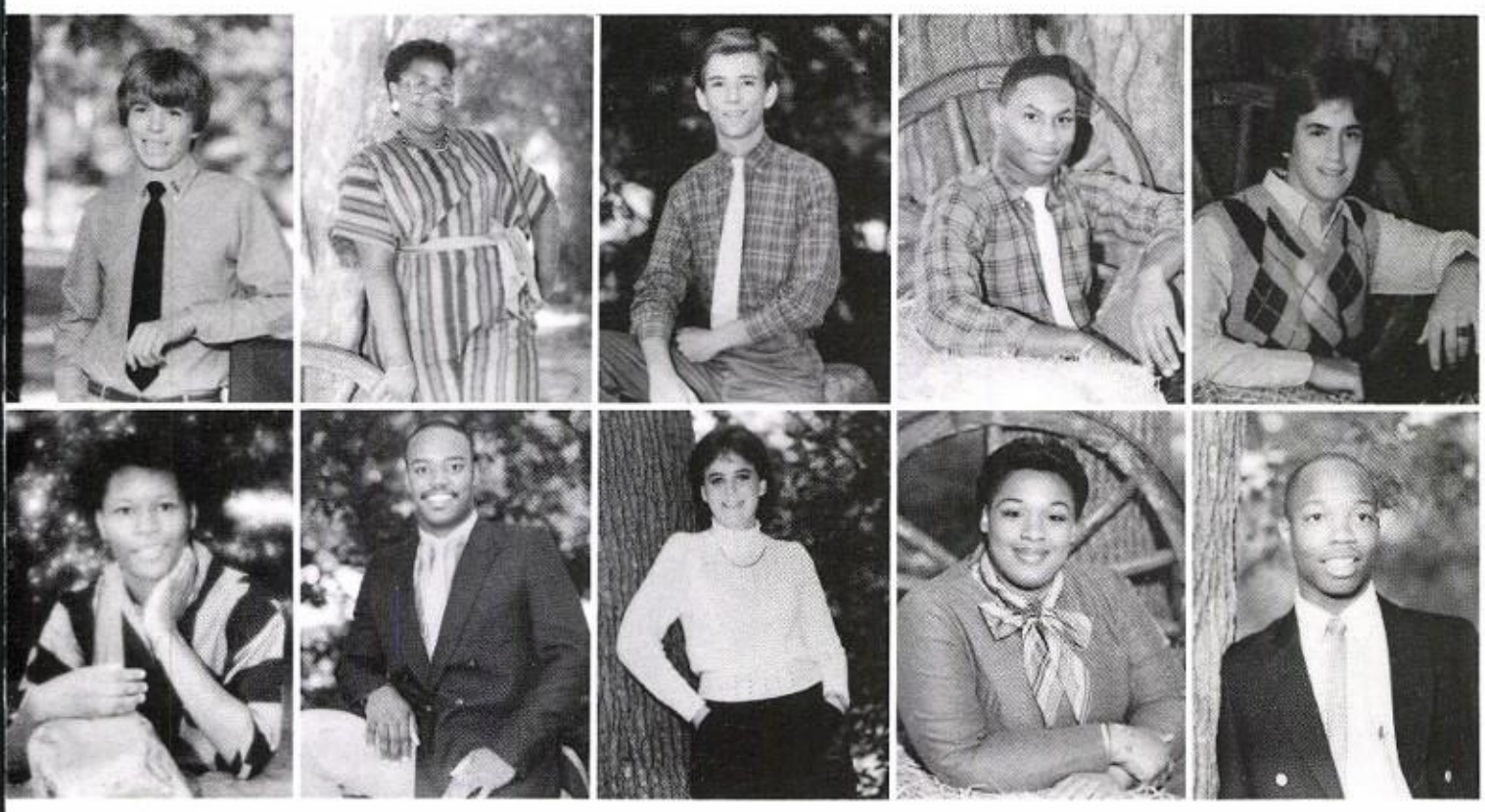


Hicks/Parks

Clue in the library. No, it's not a Hardy boy nor Nancy Drew. It's Steve Bastian checking out the library shelves in full detective dress.

Wondering whether he'll ever see ten years from now, Matthew Westcott hopes his loss of blood won't drain him too dearly.

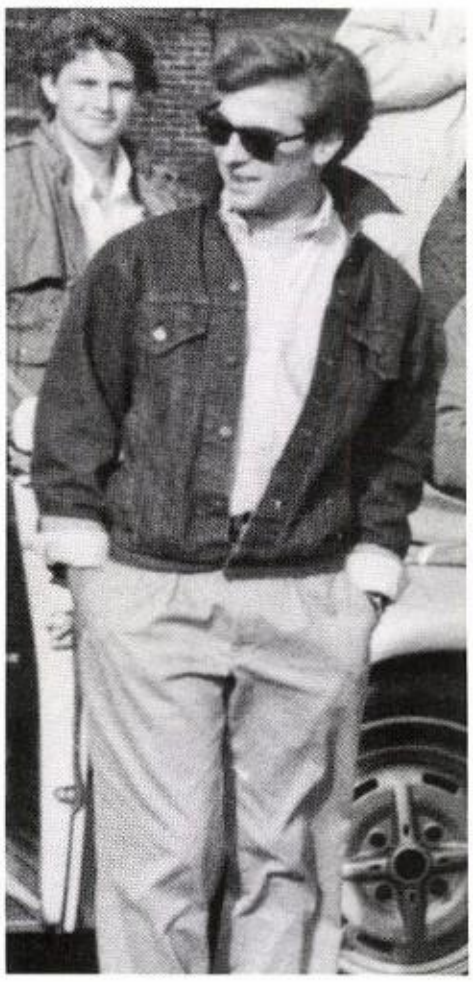


- Anthony Scott Davis
  Treva Jequita Davis
- John August Day
- Robert Russell Deans
  Robert Joseph Dees

Jacqueline Dickens
Terrance O'Keefe Dickens
- Debra Ann Dixon
  Diane Jonette Dixon
  Jesse James Dixon

Out in front

Discussing it over, the senior class officers Lea Daughtridge, Jeff Bulluck, West Riddick, and Sandy Roberson make their decision.

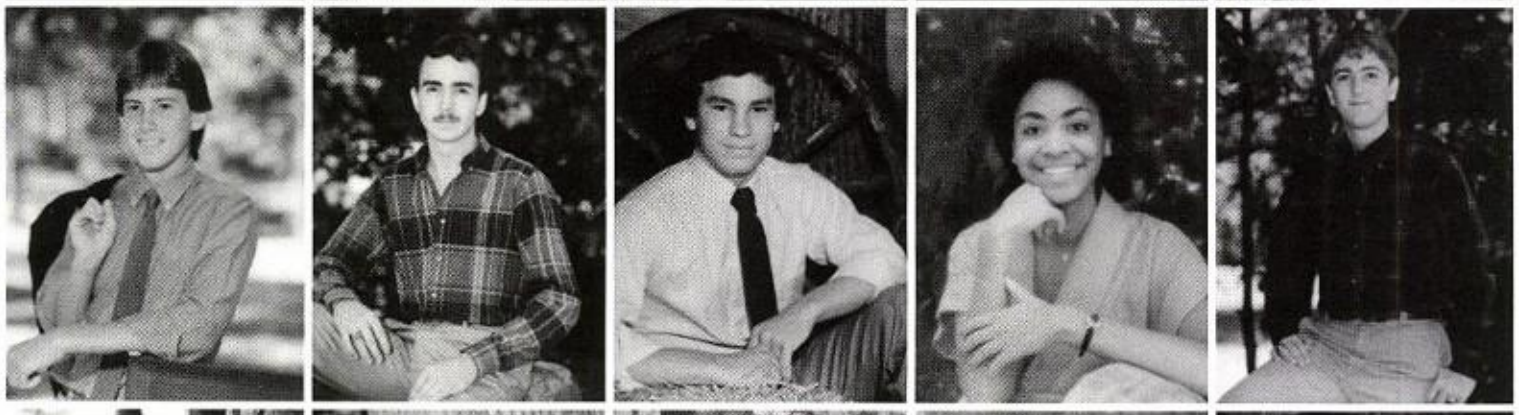


Chilling out, junior Lewis Lamar, wears his Ray-Ban's trying to impress some friends.

Seniors

Michael Ross Doyle
Joseph Drake
Kimberly Brooke Durant
Carter Hayes Edgeworth
Eric De Edmond

Richard Clifton Edmondson
William Henry Edmondson, Jr.
William Michael Edwards
Michelle Ellison
James Albert Ervin, Jr.



Deborah Beth Estes
Keith Stephan Evans
Patrice Muncell Evans
Robin Renee Exum
David William Ezzell

Where are my Ray-Bans?

They are everywhere in all sizes, colors, and shapes. The Ray-Ban fad has arrived, from wayfarers to regular brass frames on guys and girls.

"I feel like my Ray-Bans are a part of me. If I leave the house without them, I feel naked all day," senior Kimberly Bulluck said.

Sometimes a few people get carried away with the idea of outwearing their Ray-Bans.

"Last Easter we were beginning to wonder if Kimberly Bulluck even had eyes. She wore those ever popular glasses," senior Katurah Hartley said.

Nobody really knows how long the Ray-Ban fad will last with the way times change so quickly.

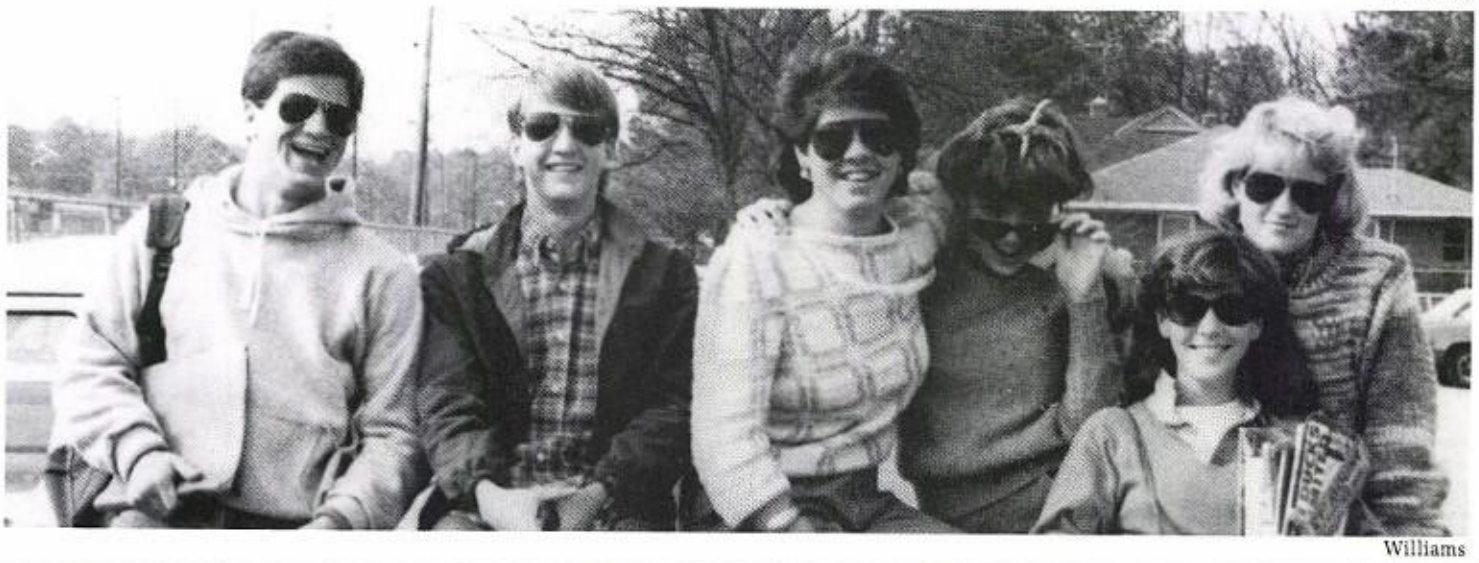
"I surely hope they stay in style for a long time, especially when each pair costs about forty dollars," junior Holley Daniel said.

Even if the Ray-Ban fad does slowly fade away, these glasses will still be remembered just the same as penny loafers.

— Shannon Gallagher —

Williams

Ray-Ban wearers include Mac MacAuley, Tom Shannon, Kimberly Bulluck, Cecily Watson, Eleanor Brown, Tonia Grooms.



Williams

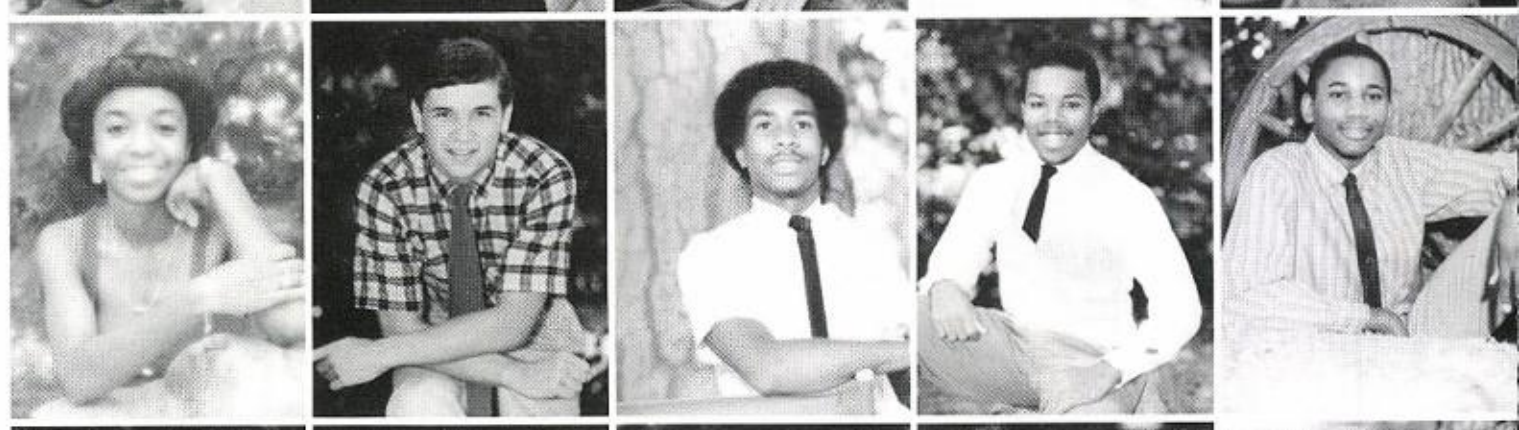
- Gregory Mark Ezzell
- Sebastian Nigel Farmer
- Clarissa Justine Farrar
- Joseph Huckabee Fish
- Kathryn Ann Fisher
- Kent Jeffrey Fite
- Sharon Denise Flowers
- Sharon Michelle Ford
- Donna Renee Fountain
- Martha Ruth Fountain
- Antonia Leun Fox
- Clementine Fox
- Angela Kaye Franklin
- Suzette Janie Freeman
- Shannon Lee Gallagher

Melissa Dawn Gardner
Audrey Garrett
Corinthia Denise Garrett
Ivo Ferreira Gomes
Tanya Yvette Grant

Angela Jean Greene
Jennifer Lee Gregg
Sherry Yvette Griffin
Daryll Lynn Grizer
Sharon Jean Gunter

Danielle Charisse Hannon
Willis Stanton Hardesty, Jr.
Kimberley Dawn Hardy
Reginald Maurice Harper
Mary Simmons Harrington

Mavis Jacquette Harris
Roney High Harris
Billy Marston Harrison, Jr.
Carlton Emmanuel Harrison
Avery Demetrius Hart



Katurah Ann Hartley
Dana Jene Harvard
Tina Annette Harvey
Laura Ann Haste
Marilyn Greene Hastings

Capressa Laneice Hatfield
Jennifer Lynn Hawkins
Gloria Regina Hayes
Nacretia Renee Hayes
Mable Leen Hedgepeth

DOUBLE VISION

Double vision or twins? A double take was often needed as a set of twins walked down the hall.

"Being a twin has both advantages and disadvantages. On one hand, I get a lot of attention, but on the other hand people sometimes think of me as one of the "Hicks twins," instead of an individual person," senior Ken Hicks said.

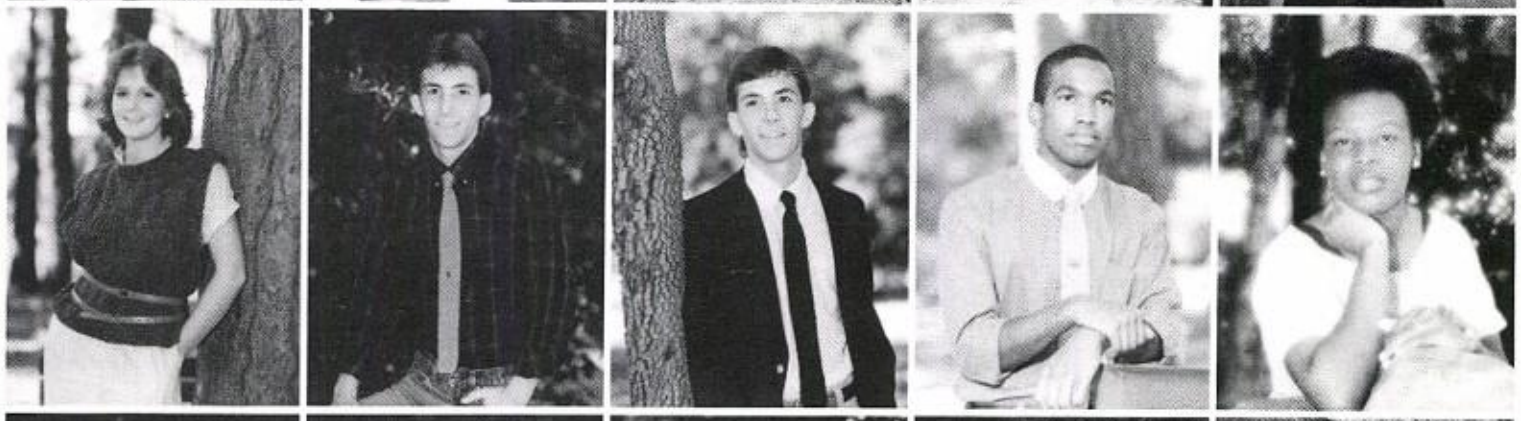
"I like being a twin because I always have my best friend with me," sophomore Robin Strickland said.

It's a little bit embarrassing if you don't know the set. Well — it can lead to all kinds of chaos," senior Steve Bastian said.

Alicia Johnson

Seeing double? No. Just twins. **Left:** Norma Garrett, Keith Medlin, Robin Strickland, Kevin Hicks. **Right:** Nora Garrett, Kenneth Medlin, Rhonda Strickland and Ken Hicks.

Franklin Maurice Henderson
Jeffery Lavon Henderson
• Cynthia Lynne Hendricks
• Sherry Angela Hendricks
• Jodi Ann Henke



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• Kenneth Todd Hicks
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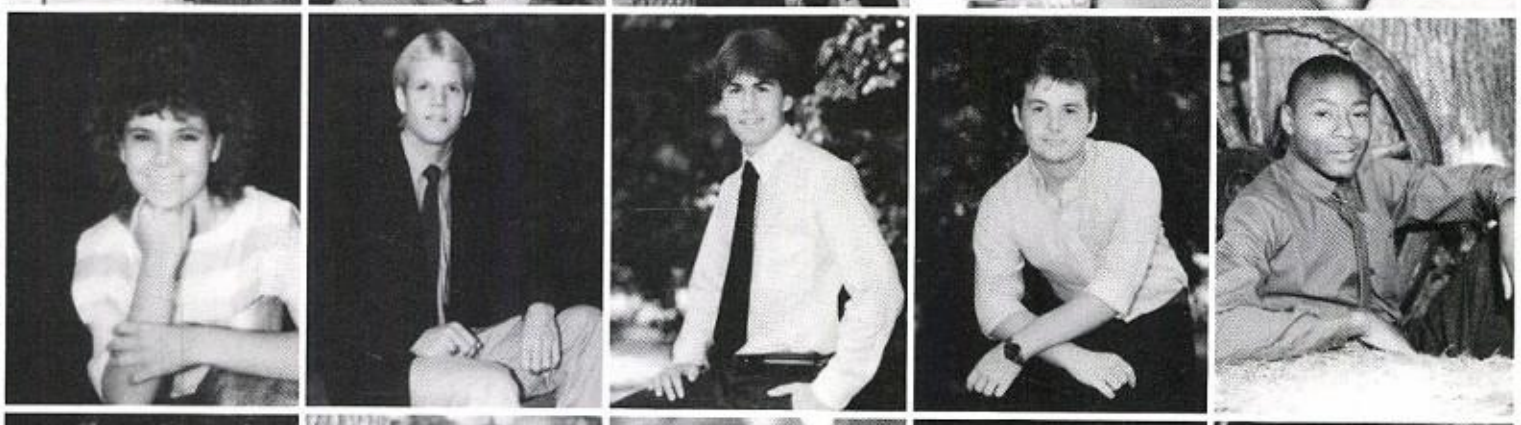
• Sean Ramon Hicks
Denise Hilliard



• Linda Beth Hobbs
• Joseph Brent Hoggard
• David William Hollar
• William Aubrey Holloman, Jr.
Billy Ray Horne

• James William Horton
Keith Allen Horton
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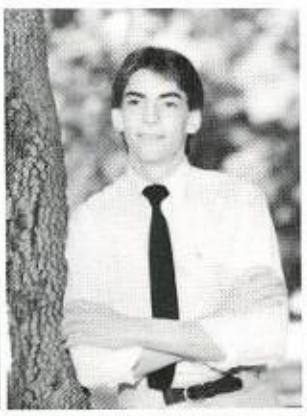
• Teresa Lynn Howell
• David Harris Hughes

Virginia Anne Iler•
Brian Thomas James•
Sandra Leigh James
Gerald Leon Jenkins
Daniel Brian Jobe•



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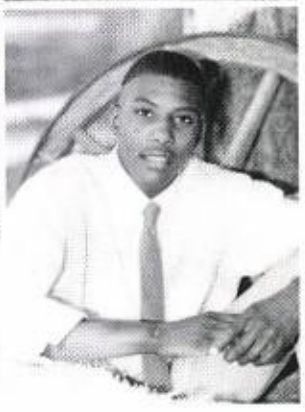
Anthony Gerald Johnson
James Gregory Johnson•
Ronald Johnson
William Troy Johnson•



Students bring honors

Rocky Mount Senior High had six students nominated for the Morehead Scholarship. They were Katurah Hartley, Carmen Coley, Rainey Astin, Andy Anderson, Jake Parrott, and Dan Jobe. These students prepared for their first interview by practicing with Mrs. Betty Hardy, Mrs. Elaine Rose, and two community leaders who asked questions.

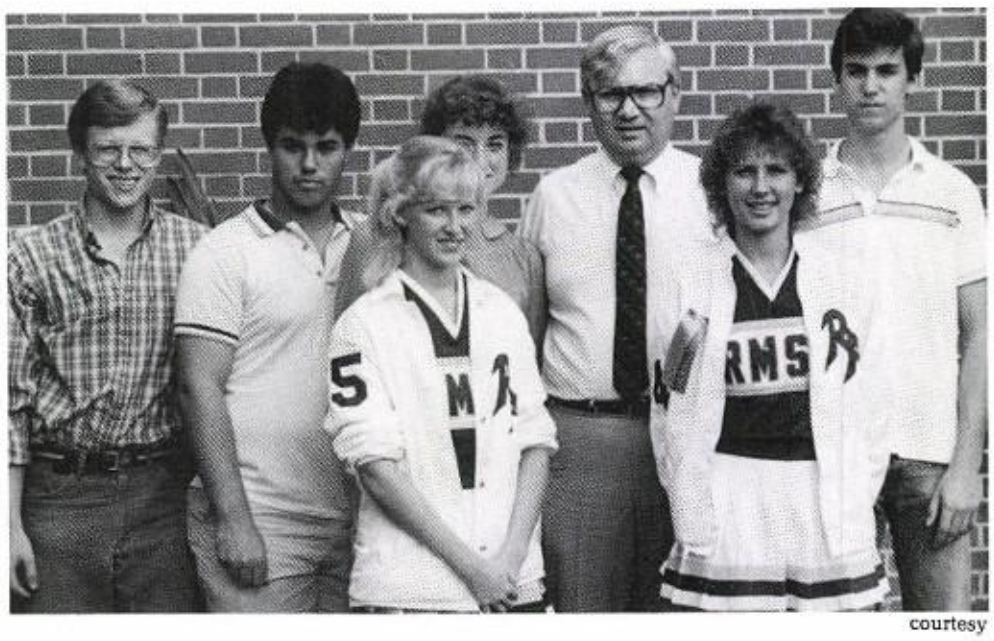
In the second round our six nominees, along with twelve others from Nash County were interviewed. After the interview, three nominees and one alternate were chosen to compete in the district competition. Rainey Astin and Carmen Coley were two of these finalists. Katurah Hartley was chosen as alternate.

Twenty students participated in the district two competition. Seven were chosen to continue. Once again, Rainey and Carmen were finalists. All seven of these students were guaranteed merit tuition to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and were eligible to continue to compete for the more than fifty Morehead Scholarships.

"Being a Morehead Scholar is a great honor. It really shows you how much all those years of studying help," senior Rainey Astin said.

"I'd love to be chosen as one of the Morehead Scholars. It opens doors to so many new opportunities. During each summer you have a job planned for you in a field that you choose, and they pick up all of the expenses," senior Carmen Coley added.

Debby Dixon



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Morehead nominees are Dan Jobe, Jake Parrott, Katurah Hartley, (Principal Douglas Watts), Rainey Astin, and Andy Anderson.

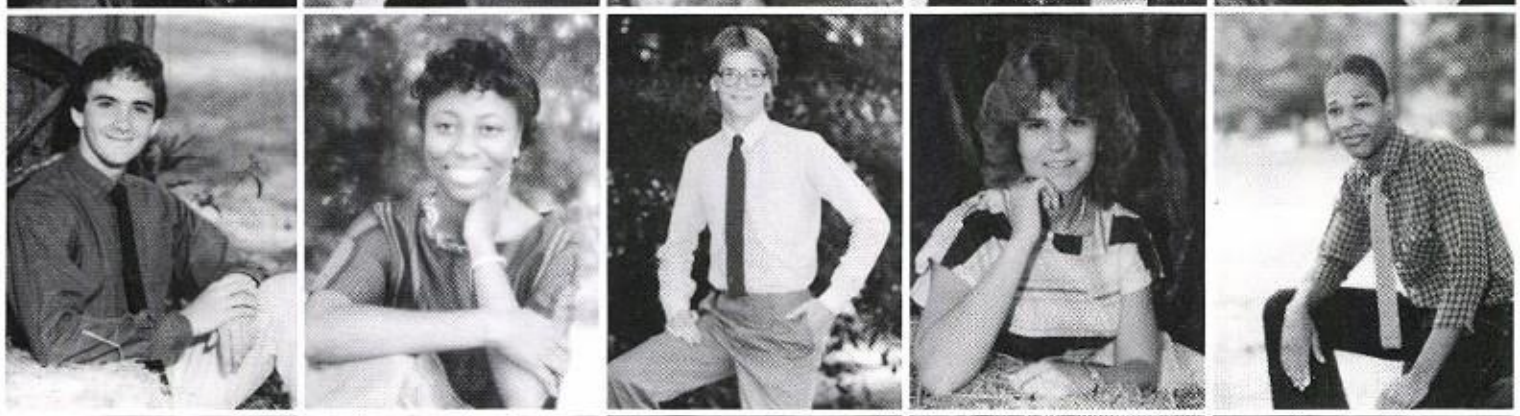
Morehead finalists are Carmen Coley, Katurah Hartley, alternate (Mr. Watts), and Rainey Astin.

Hicks/Parks

Winning the essay contest sponsored by the Alpha Omicron chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was senior Antonia Fox. "It was a very good opportunity for me to express my feelings on such a topic. I am also very grateful to the Omegas," Antonia said.

• Brooks Edmund Jones
Reginald Lee Jones
Carmen Felicia Jordan
John Richard Jordan, Jr.
Gregory Ray Joyner

• Wendy Sue Joyner
• Michael Scott Kanai
• Kimberly Anne Kelly
• Paul Edward King
• Kimberly Lynn Kirk



• Brentley Scott Kirkham
Sylvia Ann Lancaster
• Peirson Freeman Lane
• Regina Carol Langley
Linwood Earl Lawrence

Valerie Lawrence
• Marcus Levon Leathers
• Nancy Elizabeth Lee
• Darrell Delaney Leonard
• Stephen Gregory Locke

Angela Marie Loose
• Charnette Elaine Lynch
• Christopher Todd Lynch
Leatrice Marcel Lyons
Cheryl Jean Mallory

• Kevin Grant Mangum
• Kevin Scott Marks
• Mini Theresa Marquez
Melvin Mayo
• William Reid McAuley, III

'. . . A dreamer lives forever . . ."

If this saying proves true, then artist Jim Horton should be around for a long time.

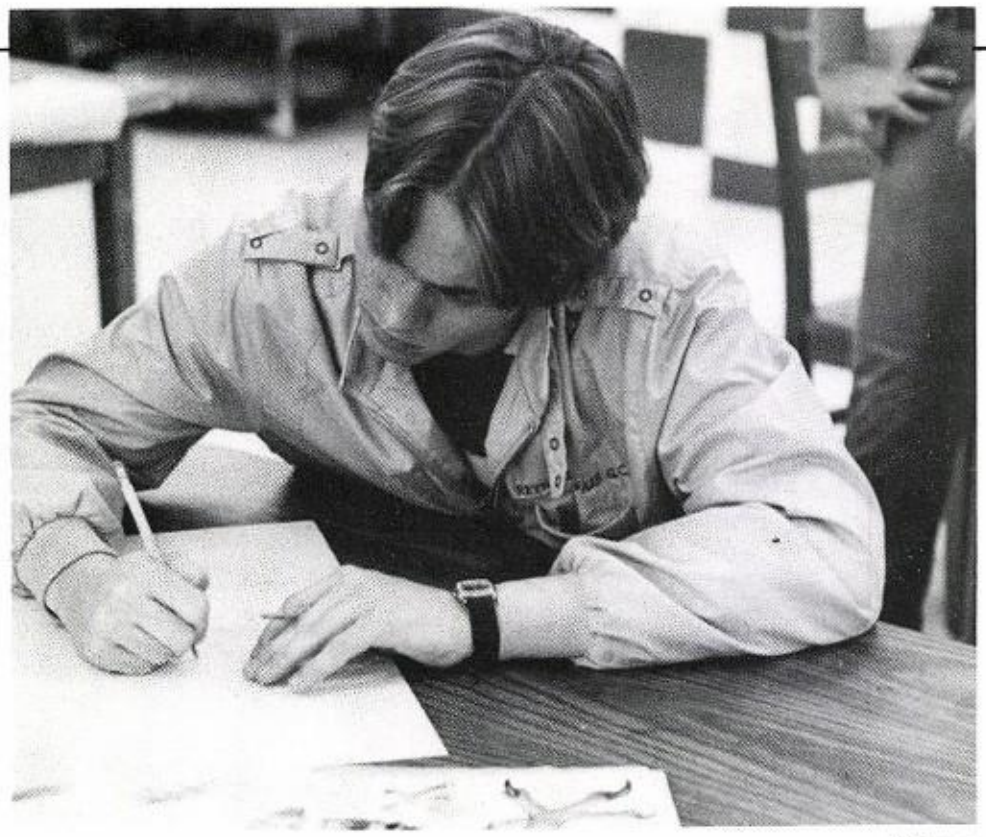
Jim has shown a great interest in art since the time he was three, and during the course of the years, he has demonstrated exceptional artistic abilities.

"I feel that I am nothing more than a foolish romantic with large dreams. A friend of mine had a saying that really describes myself — " . . . A dreamer lives forever." If this is true, then the imagination will never die," Horton said.

In 1983 he auditioned for the N.C. School of the Arts, which he attended for a year and a half, but when he thought that art wasn't his career choice anymore, he came back to R.M.S.H. After returning, he soon realized that being a motion picture production designer was definitely what he wanted, so art won the big career battle.

Jim now is a member of the Hi-Noc-Ar staff, drawing all of the fantastic art in the book. It is hoped that dreamers do live forever, because we can all use them if they are like Jim Horton.

Melody Williams



Williams

Roszell Tiffin McCarter
LaTanya McDuffie
Kimberly Ann McKeel
Anthony Lamar McQueen
Keith Douglas Medlin

Kenneth Wayne Medlin
Andrew Bastian Metcalf
Rachelle Lynn Metcalf
Andre Antonio Miller
James Jeffery Miller

Stephen Joseph Miller
Stephanie Patrice Mitchell
Katherine Gladys Monahan
Martha Shannon Mucci
Donna Elise Nevius

Thomas Jefferson Newton
Rachelle Lynn Nichols
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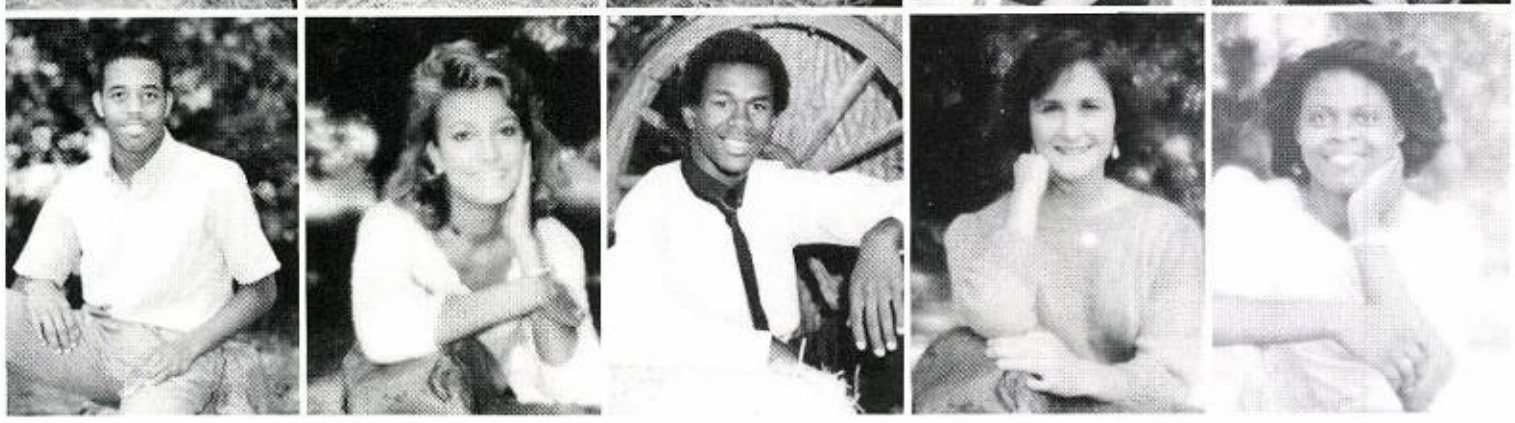
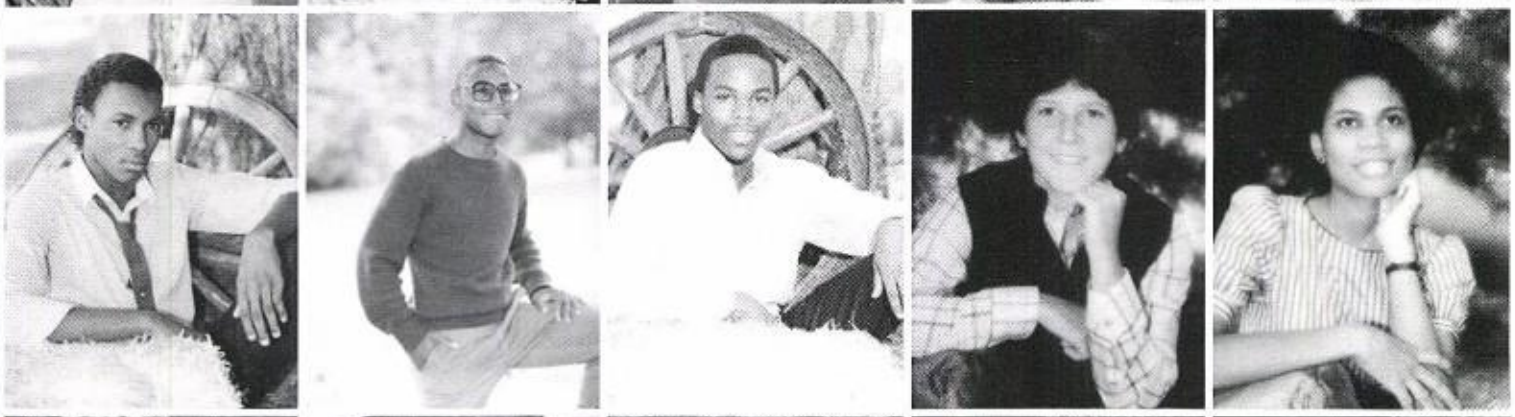


- April Jeanetta Norwood
- Lou Ann Oakley
- Rhonda Lynette O'Berry
  Jennifer Susan Outlaw
- Lori Susan Overton

- Stephanie Carol Overton
- Craig Lindsey Parham
  Denise Lynette Paris
- Richard Wayne Parks
- Jacob Reid Parrott

Della Renee Perry
Lillie Louise Petteway
Tammy Sue Pilgreen
Carolyn Lena Pittman
Patricia Ann Pittman

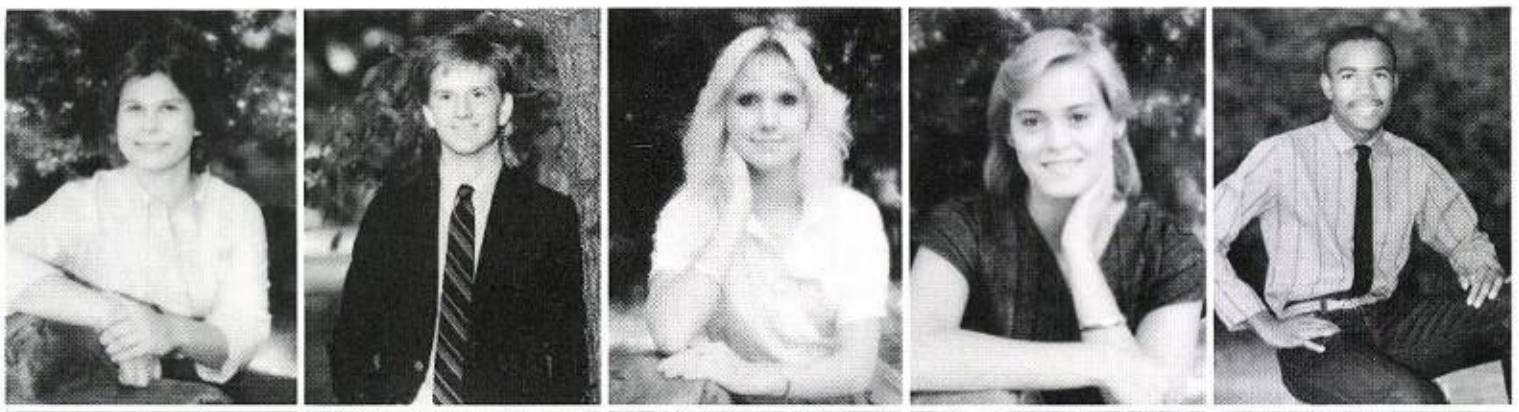


Terry O'Neal Pittman
Vincent Craig Pittman
James Ervin Powell
Rosa Ramona Powell
Sandra Denise Powell

- Joe William Powell, Jr.
- James Douglas Price
- Reggell Elizabeth Pryor
- Russell Riley Query
- Donald Joyner Raper, Jr.

- Joseph Owen Register
  Ivery Wade Richardson, Jr.
  Rhonda Wilson Richardson
  Sylvester Lee Richardson, Jr.
- Murphey West Riddick

Dina Lee Robbins
Carrol Saunders Roberson, Jr.
Karen Ann Ross
Theresa Linelle Rowland
Donald Wayne Sanders



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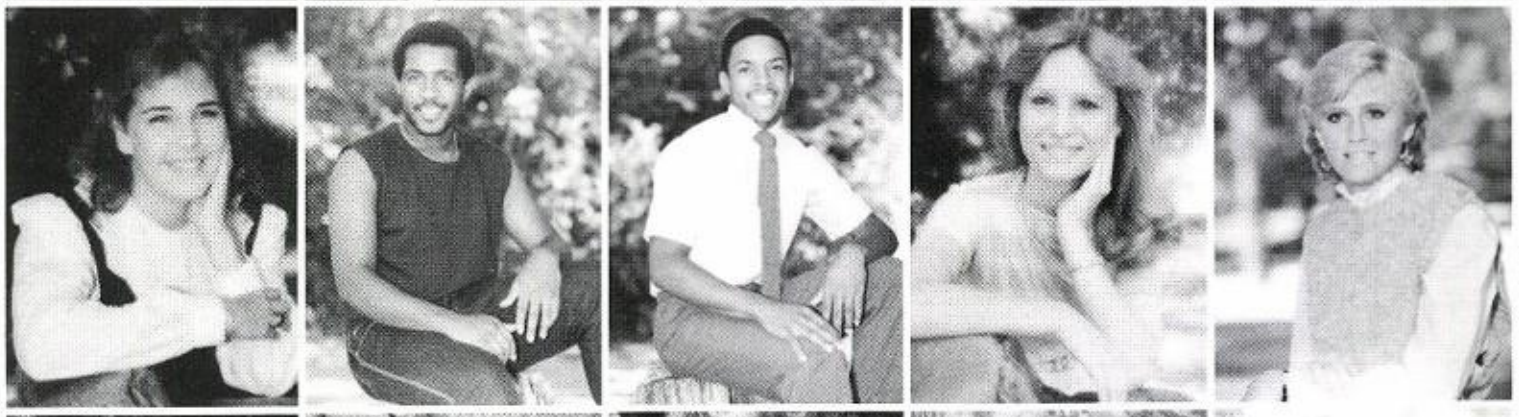
Leroy Scott, Jr.
Danzell Tyrone Segres
Kathy Dawn Sellars
Pamela Joan Sewell



Thomas Battle Shannon
Andrea Michelle Sharpe
Jewel Renee Sharpe
Wanda Michelle Shelley
Michael Anthony Silver

Bethany Elaine Simmons
Josh Fleetwood Smathers
Medina Gezale Smith
Michelle Smith
Tanya Lynette Smith

Vivian Ann Staton
Renee Debra Stokes
Kimberly Dancy Sturdivant
Ernest Terrell Suggs
Maggie Dawn Suggs

Karen Anita Sumner
James Kurt Sutton
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Melissa Anne Sykes
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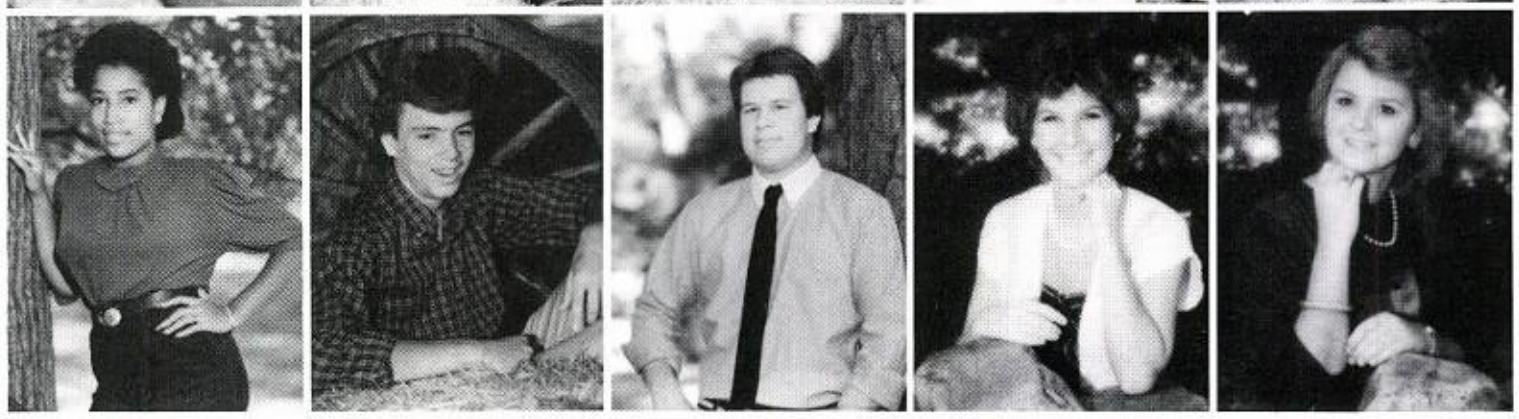


Trading Places

"The people at Senior High are so friendly and helpful," senior Ivo Gomes said.

Ivo, this year's foreign exchange student, is from Sobral, Brazil. Ivo comes from a family of three brothers and one sister. When asked to compare family life in Brazil to that in America, he replied, "The Brazilian parents are not as conservative as those in America."

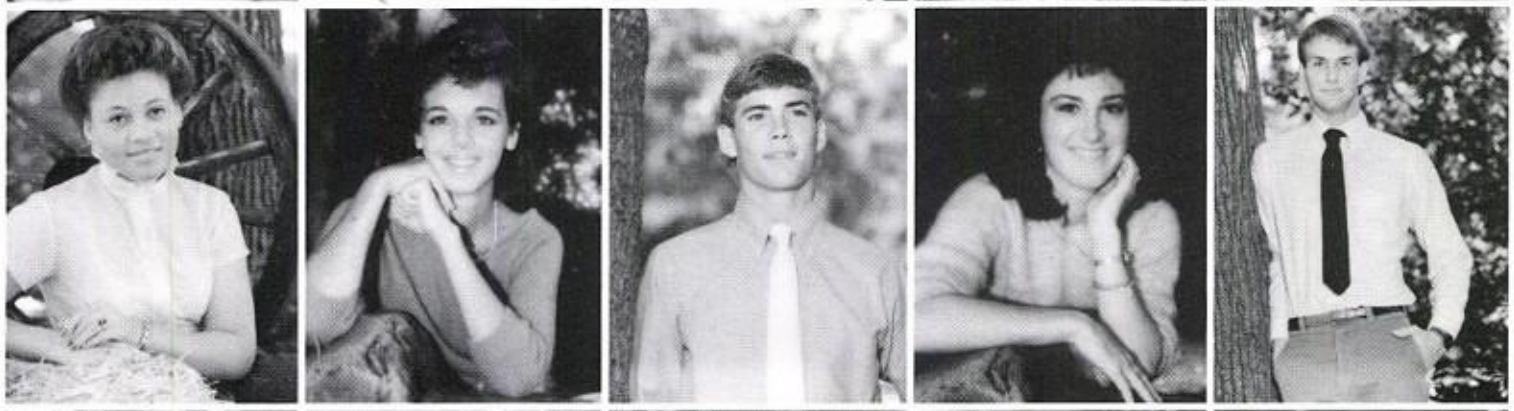
Ivo attended Christ School in the city of Fortaleza. In comparing Senior High to Christ School, he said, "In Brazil the teachers change classes and the students don't. We can't choose the classes we want to take, but we must take 25 classes per week."

"In Brazil our parties begin when American parties end. The social life is very different."

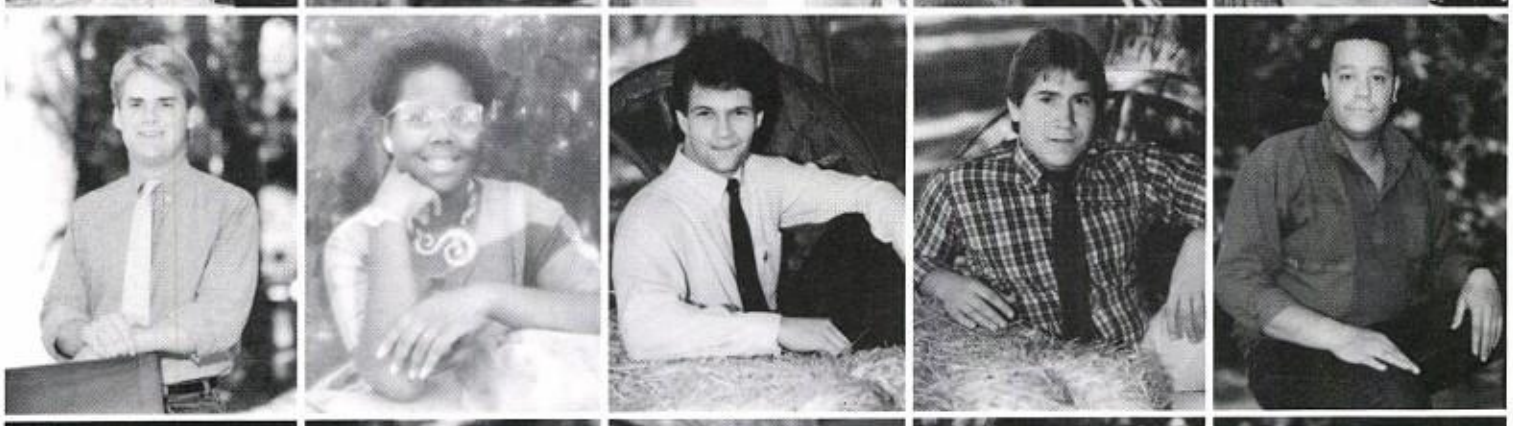
Ivo spent the year living with the F. Ray Walker family, which includes Michael, a junior at R.M.S.H., and Laura, a student at Edwards Junior High.

—Michael Walker—

- James Blake Tharin
Wyschona Patrice Thomas
Westry Lamone Thorpe
- Charles Franklin Threatt
Deatrice Dianna Tillman



Vennita Delray Tillman
- Poppy Alyssa Tugwell
- Asail Scott Tulloss
- Audrey Dawn Turnley
- Johnnie Edward Umphlet



- Richard Burks Verrone
Yvonne Michelle Vick
Walter John Wachowicz
- Clay Michael Wagner
- Troy Byron Warner

This is a bad pic. B.S.!
-R.V.

- Cecily Penn Watson
- Samuel Wesley Watts
- Tanya Annese Weaver
- Michael Bryan Webb
- Matthew Spencer Westcott

Angela Lorraine Whitaker
James Arthur Whitaker
Joylette Denise Whitaker
Rebecca Michelle White
Calvin Whitehead

Jacqueline Denise Whitehead
Ron Vereice Whitehead
Sherry Ann Whitehead
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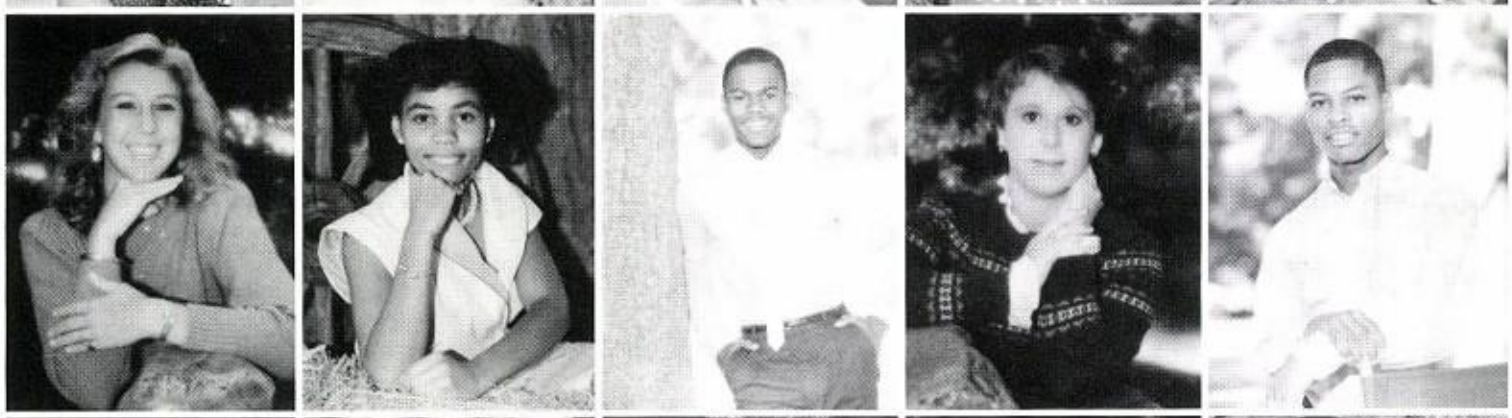
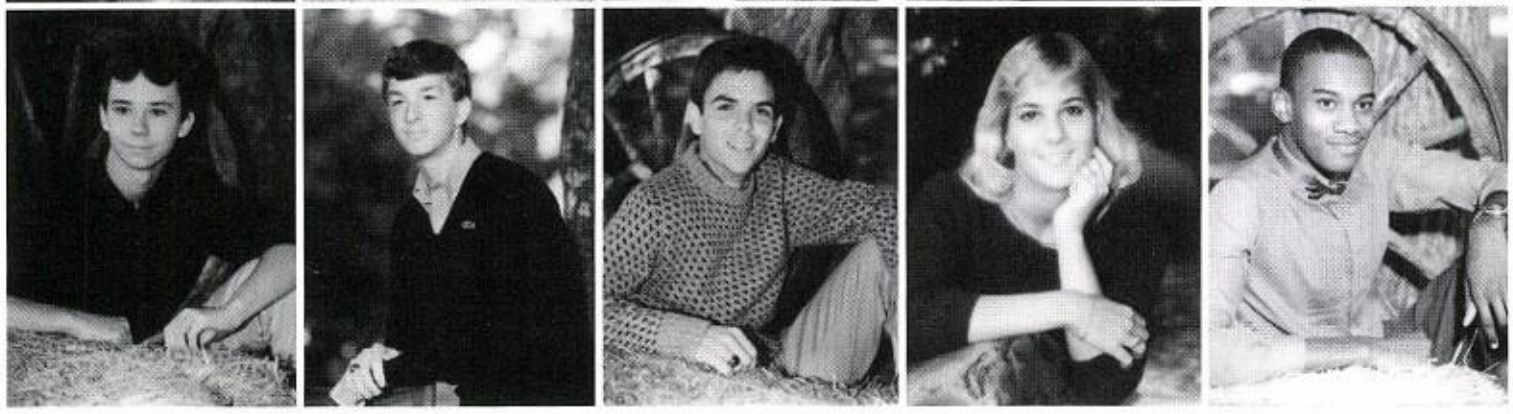
Elliot Williams



John David Williams
Joseph Scott Williams
Kelley Brian Williams
Melody Faith Williams
Ollie Williams



MEMORIES LIGHT THE CORNERS OF MY MIND

... going to a party full of white students and having a ball.

— Joylette Whitaker

... going to Governor's School East during the summer of '84.

— Tyrone Battle

... being the MBA Grand National Champions for two years in a row.

— Kevin Marks

... receiving my treasured class ring with "1985" engraved around the stone.

— Gwen Taylor

... getting on variety football my sophomore year.

— Cedric Bullock

... walking in with the seniors at the first pep rally of my senior year and yelling "Seniors, seniors!"

— Brent Hoggard

... becoming a **Mighty Senior** of "85."

— Ray Woodruff

... seeing all the posters the seniors had made for us my sophomore year and realizing it was my first step in becoming a senior, not realizing my time would come so soon.

— Kevin Mangum

... meeting Bill Edwards my sophomore year and sharing all my high school years with him.

— Kathryn Fisher

... watching the past seniors walk across the stage on graduation night.

— Greg Johnson

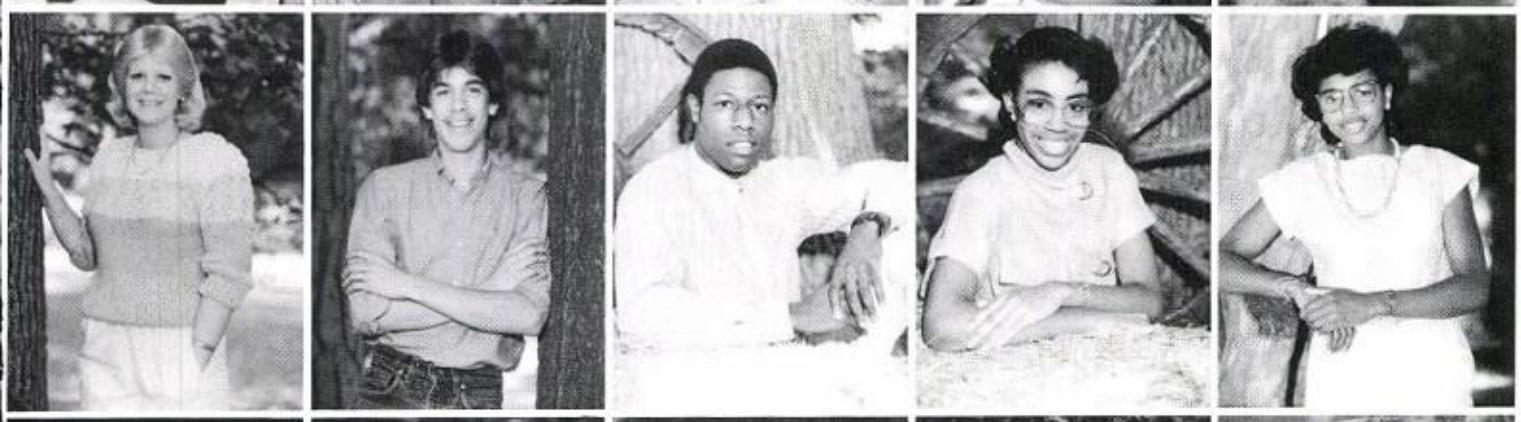
Visions of Atlantic Beach drift through the mind of senior James Tharin as he drips the sweat of 98-degree weather at football team try-outs.

Momentoes of high school years fill every senior's closets — the pom-pons from three homecoming games, the 1983, 1984, and 1985 **Hi-Noc-Ars,** a classring (maybe two), and of course, those beautiful senior environmental photographs that made everyone look better than he usually does.

... winning the best band and best flag line in the nation for the first time.

— Crissie Gurtis

Sandra Dee Williams
Tina Michelle Williams
• Donna Marie Williford
Anita Yvette Willoughby
Carol Leigh Wilson



• Susan Lee Wimberley
Carrole Valmont Winstead, Jr.
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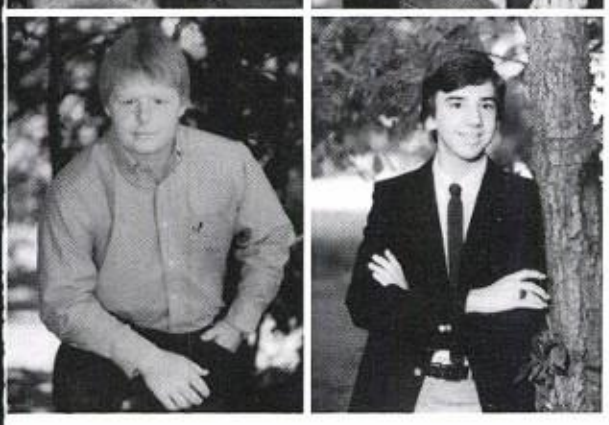
• Charles Ray Woodruff
Tracey Woods



• David Hunter Wynne
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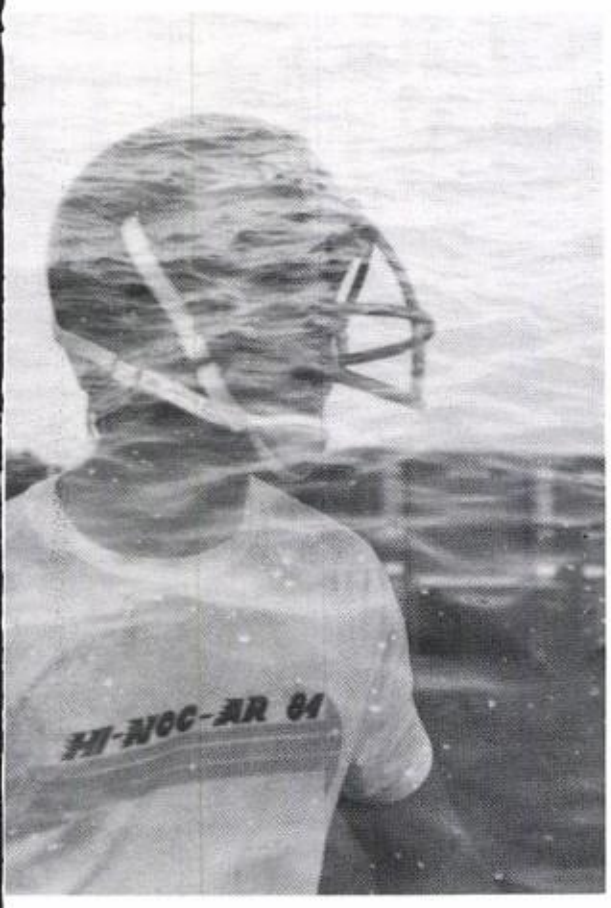
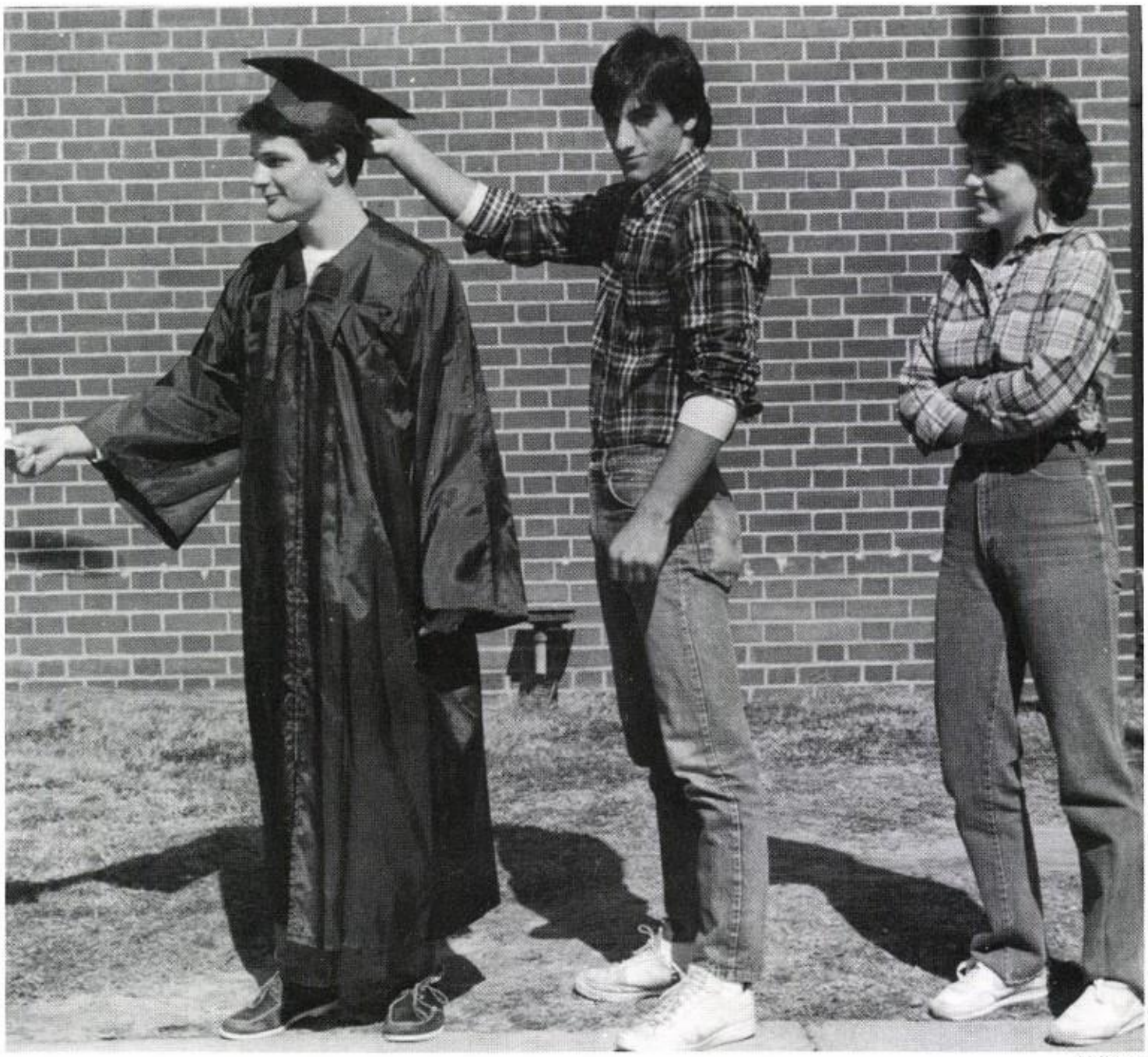


Next In Line

The shot is fired, the flag is raised, and they are off and running. Striving to make their way to the front of the line, juniors get caught on the middle rung of the ladder to a successful graduation. It's better than being a sophomore, but being stuck in the middle is no fun, especially with the difficult work load," junior Kevin Smith said. Juniors are reaching for that final goal of graduation. They had a closer view of the finish line, but they are still not quite there. "The novelty of getting to Senior High has worn off, but the work and goals are still to be accomplished," Rebecca Garrison said. Juniors have run only half the course, but they are next in line to cross the finish line.

Lou Ann Oakley



Working his way to the front of the line, junior Mark Schiewe cannot wait for his moment to come.

Williams

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Tenia Alford
Kathy Alhusen •
Louis Allen
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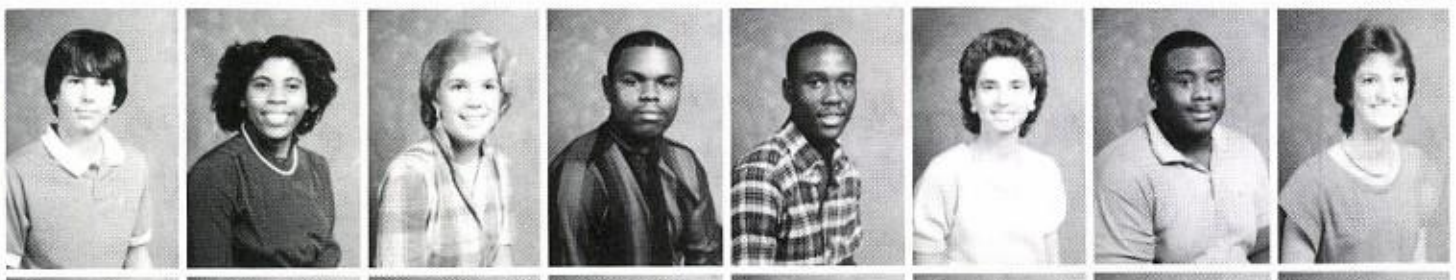
Brenda Anderson •
Otis Anderson
April Andrews



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Jean Arrington
Leroy Avent
Marilyn Avent
Paula Aycock
Ashley Ayers
Robert Bailey
Pam Baker

Lisa Barnes
Matt Barnes
Sean Barnes
Sheryl Barnes
Rodney Bass •
Allison Battle
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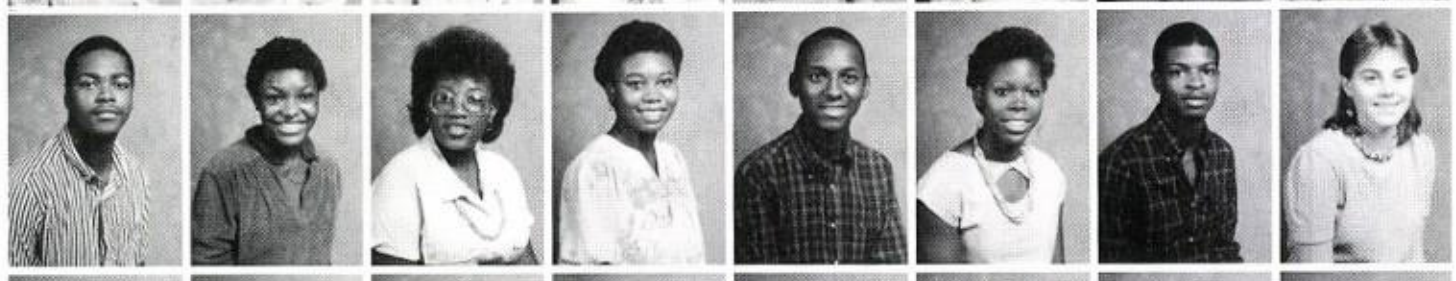
Sandra Batts



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Robin Blount
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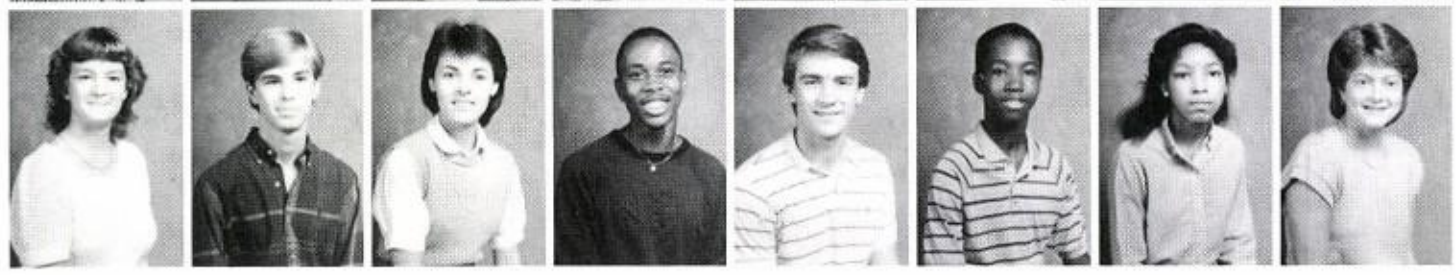

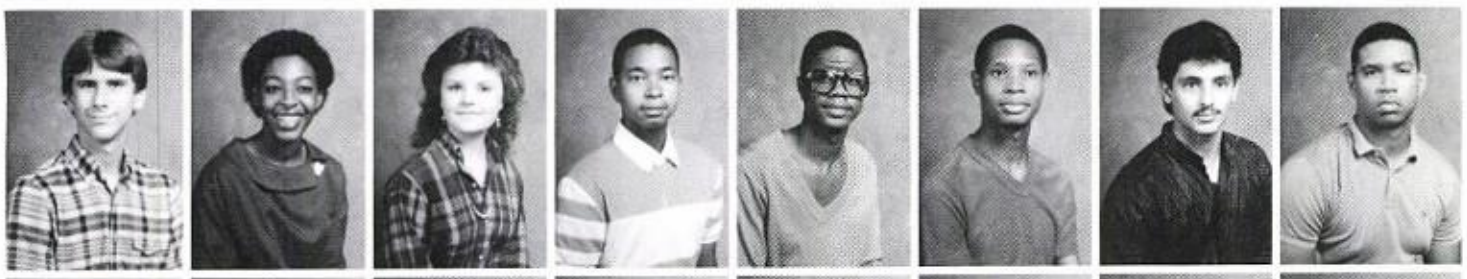

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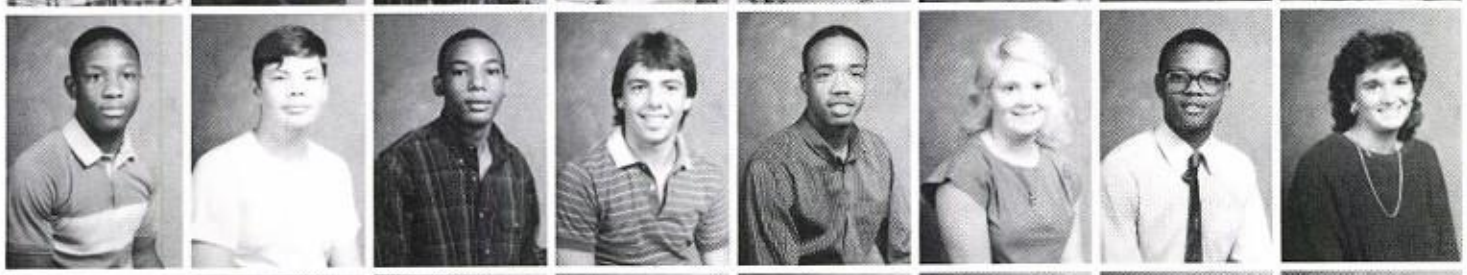

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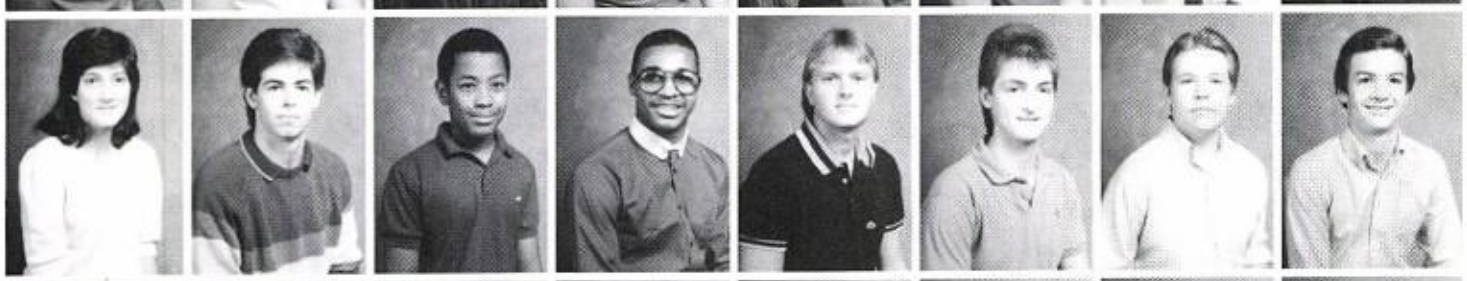

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• Julia Cherry
Undray Cherry
Harrell Chesson
• Eddie Chocklett

• Ann Chowning
Kim Clarke
Michelle Clark
Cassandra Cobb
Wendi Cockrell
Charles Cofield
Anthony Coley
Michael Coley

Beverly Collie
Mike Comfort
Gwen Cooper
Kelvin Cooper
• Lisa Cooper
Pam Cooper
Keith Cornell
Sandra Cotton

Tracey Cotton
• Kevin Cox
Raymond Crandell
Tim Crawley
Sue Ellen Crocker
Cheryl Culpepper
• Holly Daniel
• Allen Daniels

Jackie Daniels
Marcel Daniels
Tony Daniels
Jesse Daughtridge
Belinda Davis
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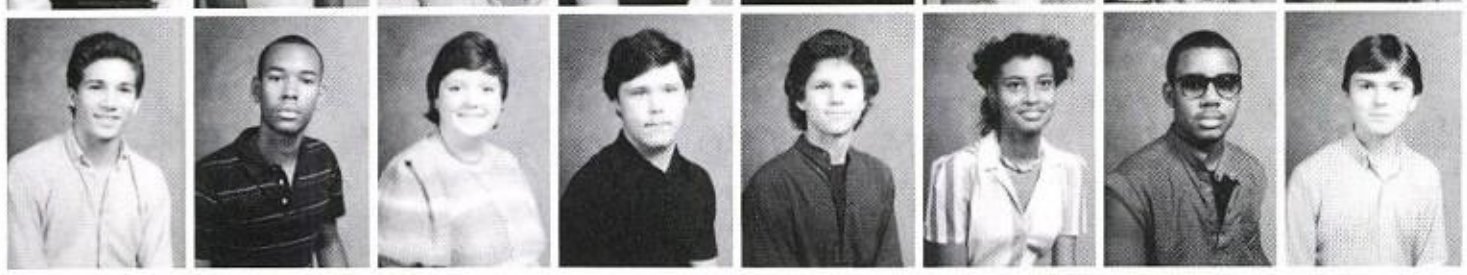

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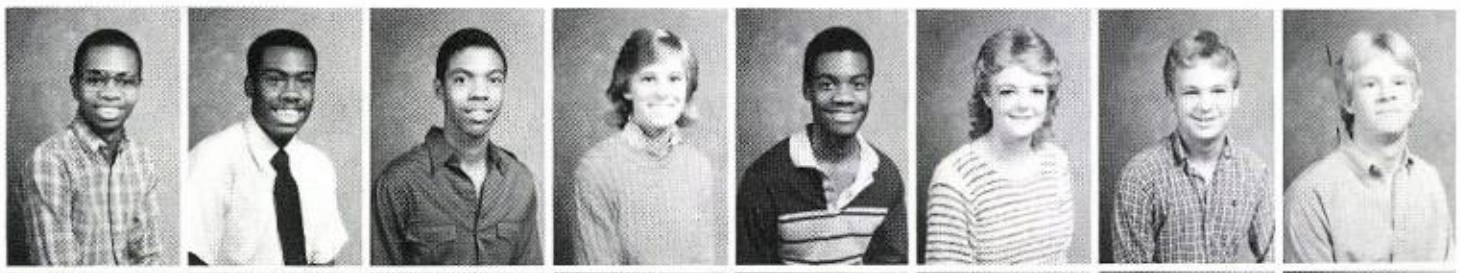

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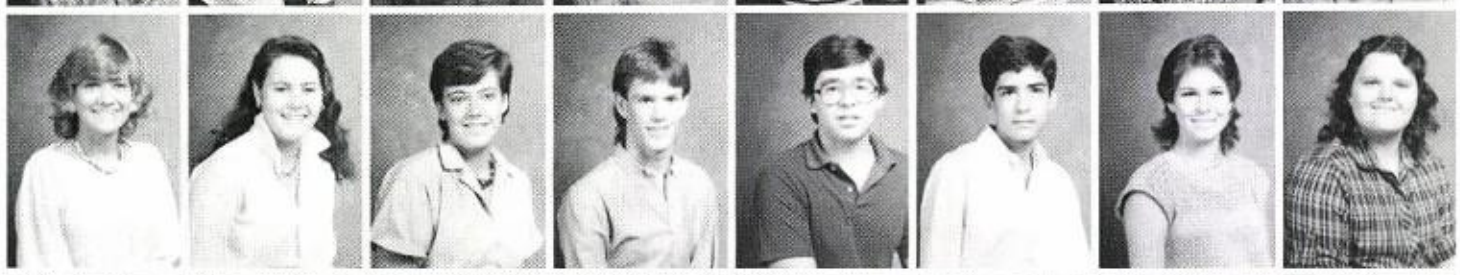

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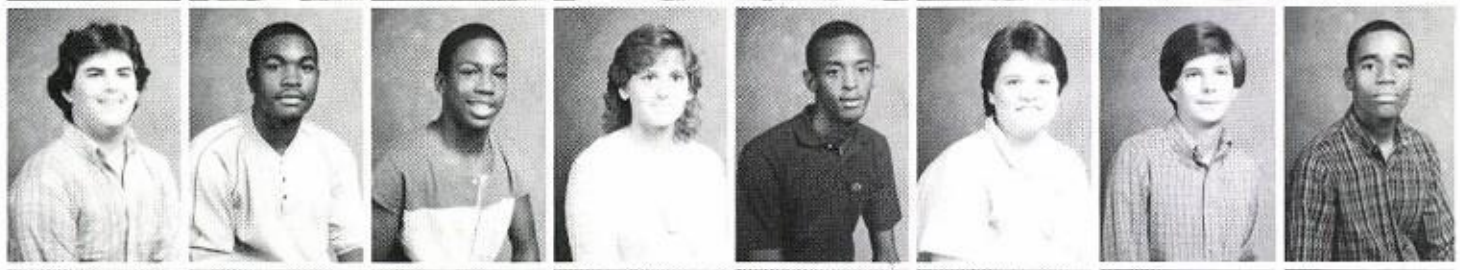

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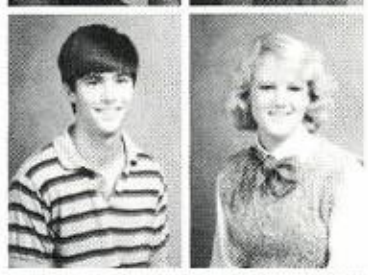


Michelle Gupton
Ron Hamm

Alex Hammond
Shannon Hamrick

John Haney
Eva Harris

Standing in rank

Walker

First semester junior class officers are: President, Alex Hammond, Vice-President, Theresa Thompson, Treasurer, Amy Winstead, Secretary, Sheila Farmer.

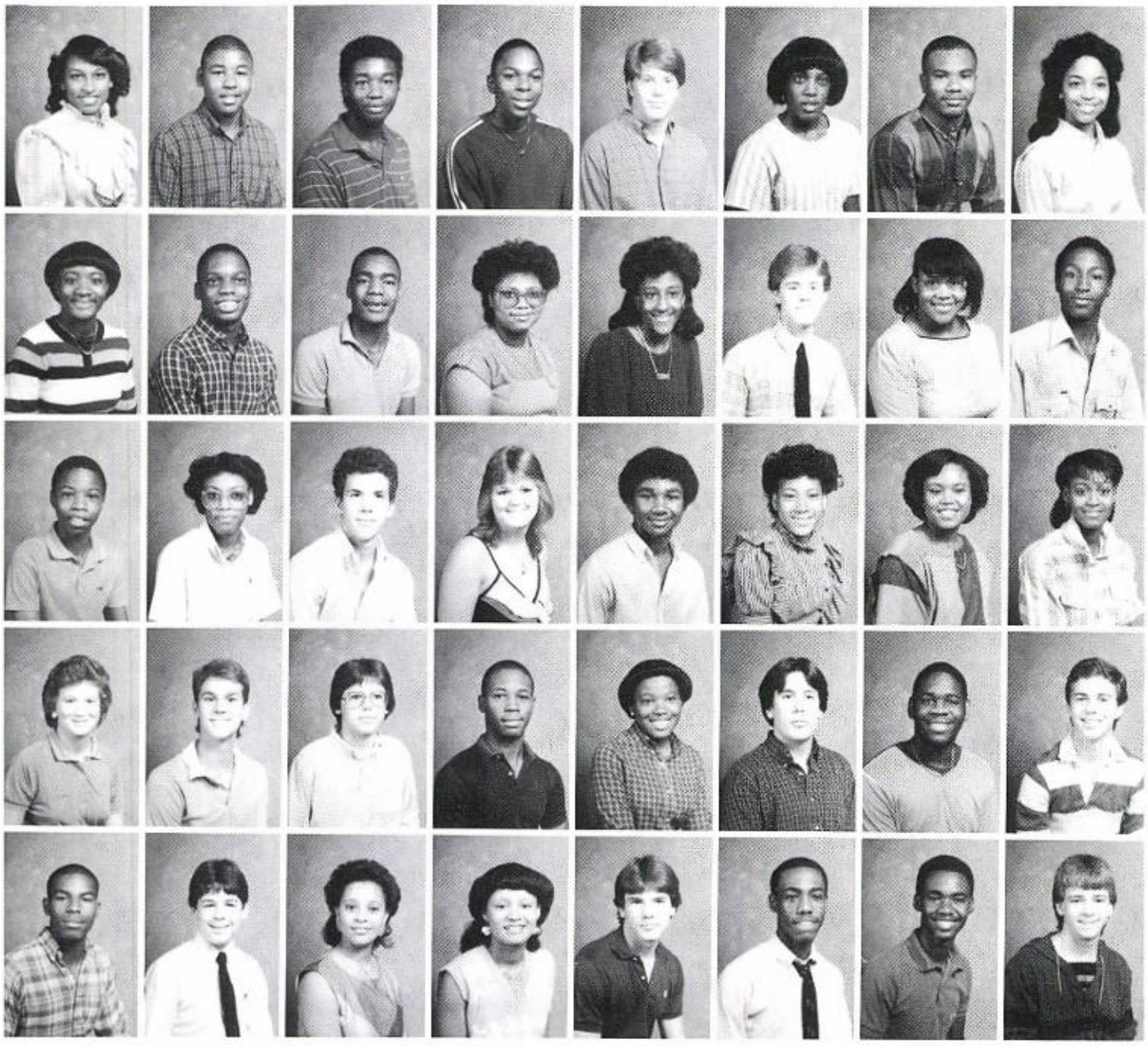
Roberson

A night to remember

Special times, special friends ... add a little hard work to romanticize, and ... don't forget the music — sounds like a beer commercial — huh? Well, "times like these" added up to symbolize the junior committee's primary function, that of planning and putting on the Junior-Senior. "I liked working on the Junior-Senior. At times it got hectic, but working with friends and the end result made it all worth the while," junior Sam Etheridge said. "I particularly liked our theme of "A Cruise to Remember," junior Joy Sallenger said. Would a group of juniors go at putting together a dance this hard? Well, consider it was the junior committee.

— Sandy Roberson —

Starting to prepare the decorations for the junior-senior, members of the junior committee work with enthusiasm.



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Teresa Hines
Tonya Hines
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Reggie Hinton

Reginald Hinton
Tammy Hinton
• Michael Hobbs
Kimberly Hopkins
Michael Hopkins
Diane Horne
Donna Howard
Vanessa Howard

Candace Howell
Vic Howell
• Thomas Hunt
Lee Hunter
Marissa Hunter
• Kirk Hyman
Steve Hymond
• Bo Iler

Milton Jenkins
Richie Jenkins
Adrian Johnson
April Johnson
• John Johnson
Michael Johnson
Ronnie Johnson
• Buster Jones

Chavalisia Jones
Hank Jones •
James Jones
Jill Jones
Tonya Jones
Raymond Jones
Joseph Joyner
Patricia Joyner

Harry Kane
Omar Karim
Brenda Kearny
Keesha Kelly
Shawn Kilpatrick •
Gary Knight
Pete Kobielnik •
John Kurtz

Lewis Lamar •
Beth Lancaster •
Larry Lancaster •
Vanessa Lancaster
Donna Lane •
Wanda Langston •
Jerry Lasco
Malcolm Leathers

Edward Lee
Charlie Lewis
Byron Little
David Livingston •
Brenda Long
Bobby Lucas
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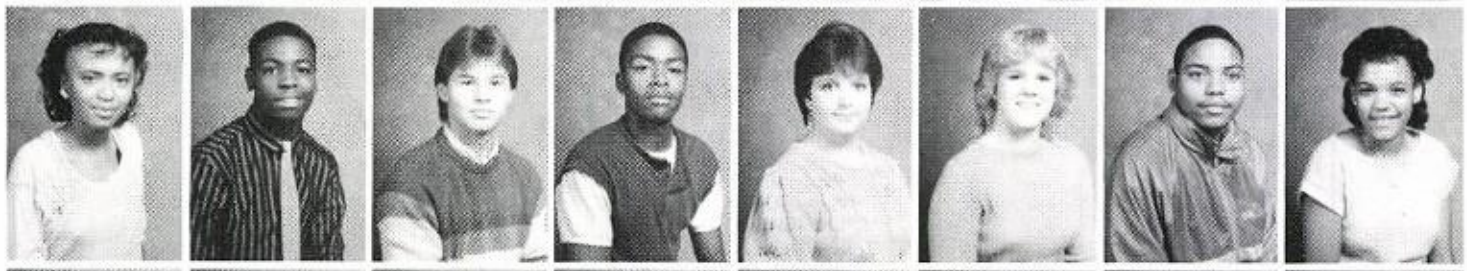

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Kendall Medlin
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Jeffrey Mercer

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Walt Mercer •
Johnny Merritt •
Sonia Merritt
Aretha Moore
Arletha Moore
Cassandra Moore
Cuelie Moore

Jeff Moore •
Keith Moore
Ray Moore
Bonnie Morris
Michael Morris
Michelle Morrow
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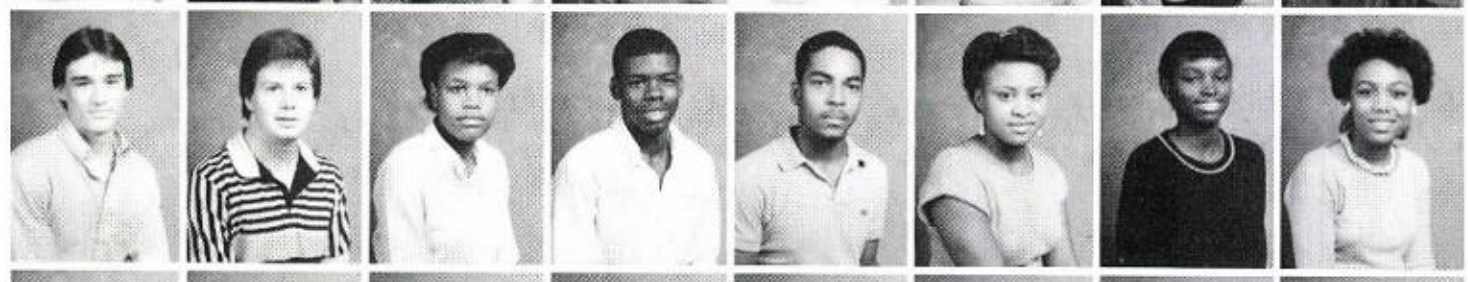

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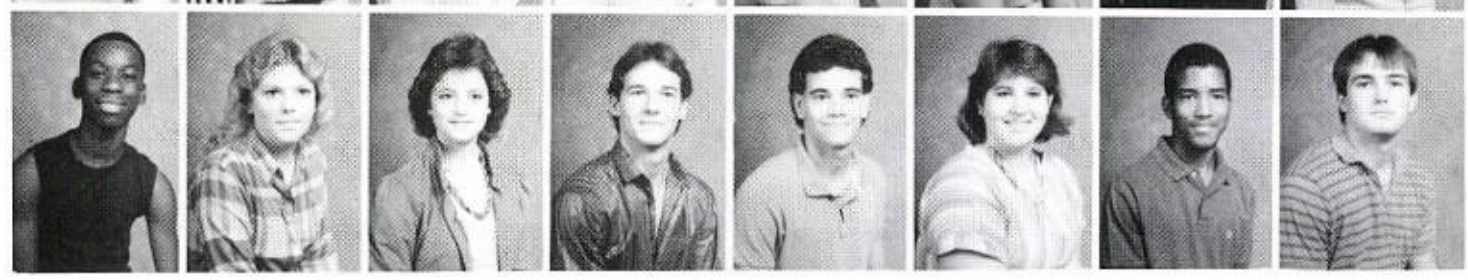
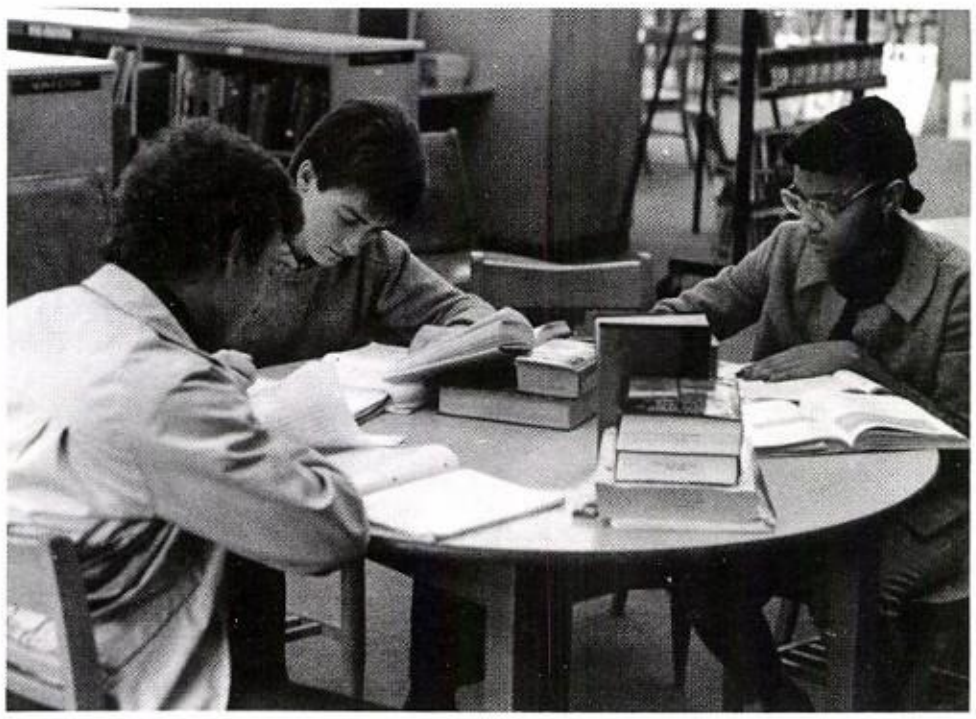


Give me a break!

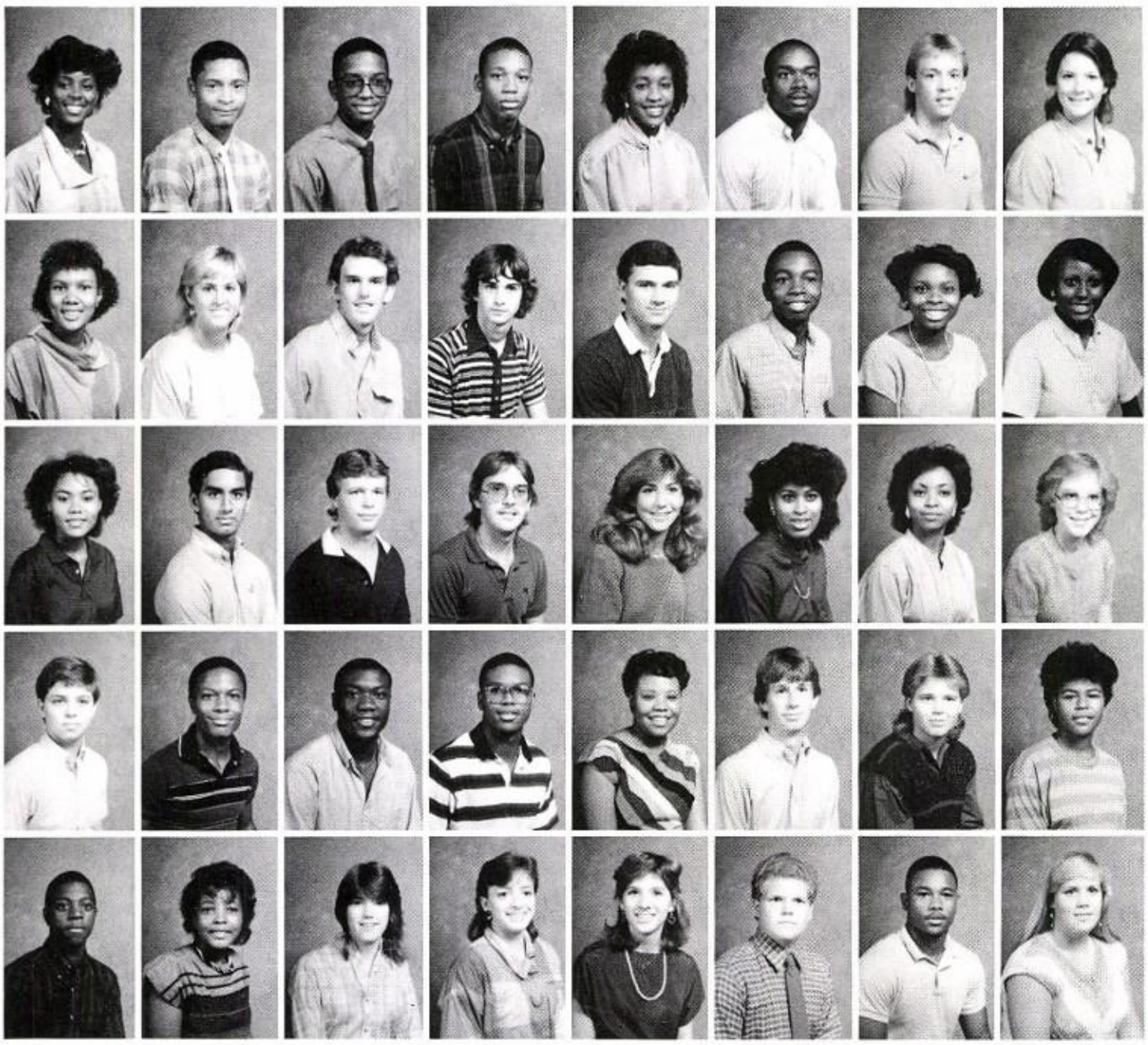
Stacks of books! Tons of homework! Meetings everyday! Too much thinking! There's no way out! This is the desperate situation of typical juniors, especially those who find themselves involved in everything possible. The junior year of high school is considered the hardest year, and it is definitely the year with the heaviest academic work load. "It was especially hard to keep up with the work in my afternoon classes during soccer season, but I managed to make it," junior Tim Crawley said. Afternoons were no longer time for extra-curricular activities; instead homework had to be started immediately in order to get finished. However, this is not implying that you could slide through the sophomore and senior years. The sophomore year was a time for adjustment and only the beginning of the work. During the junior year the adjustment has been made, and the time had come to dig deep into those books.

Within the senior year the peak was met. You made it through high school, all the required thinking was done, and the load became lighter. Finding time to get everything done that needed to be done was the most commonly stated dilemma, especially by juniors.

Lou An Oakley



Mentally working out under the pressures of a junior work load, Tim Crawley, Danny Carmody, and Kerry Taylor prepare for mid-term exams.



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Richard Proctor
• Scott Proctor
Greg Puddy
Monica Puddy
Benita Pulley

Rennee Pulley
• Reji Puthenveetil
Jay Quigley
Richard Quincy
• Eleanor Ramey
Jackie Richardson
Monika Richardson
Sherry Richardson

Anthony Robbins
Cary Robidoux
Anthony Robinson
James Robinson
Danita Rogers
• David Roll
Crystal Rose
Willet Rountree

Broderick Rouse
Lorraine Ruffin
Tammy Ruffin
• Amy Ruggiero
• Joy Sallenger
• Todd Salter
Otis Sanders
• Gail Sawyer

Students in quest for knowledge

Courtesy

Students nominated to attend Governor's School are: **First Row:** juniors Felana Wilson, Karin Zipf, Ann Chowning, Amy Winstead, sophomores Gretchin Davis, Natalie Crocker, and junior Amy Ruggiero. **Top Row:** juniors Sharon Pittman, Sam Woodley, Bill Dunn, Missy Dickens, Bo Iler, guidance counselors Linda Taylor, Phyllis Horton, and principals Charles Davis and Doug Watts. Each nominee then applied to the Governor's School for acceptance.

Carol Scarboro •
Mark Schiewe •
Steven Scott
David Sears
Angela Segres
Derrick Sessoms
Steve Settlemeyer
Reginald Shambley

John Sharpe
Kelly Sharpe
Deatrice Sheridan
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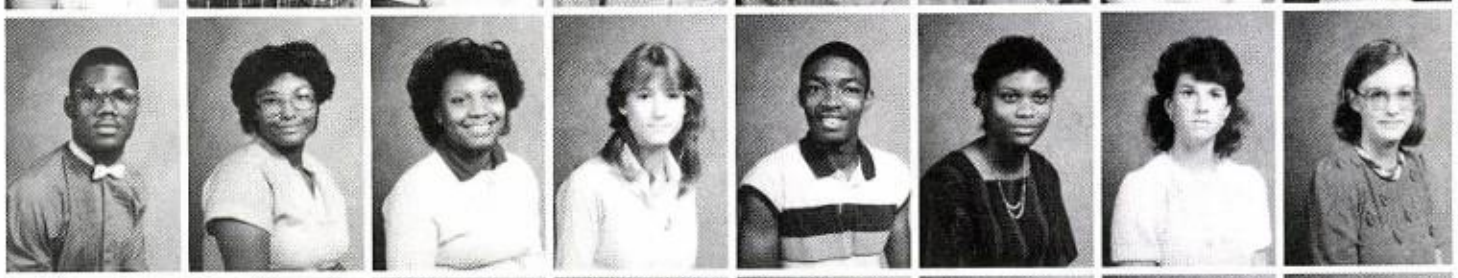

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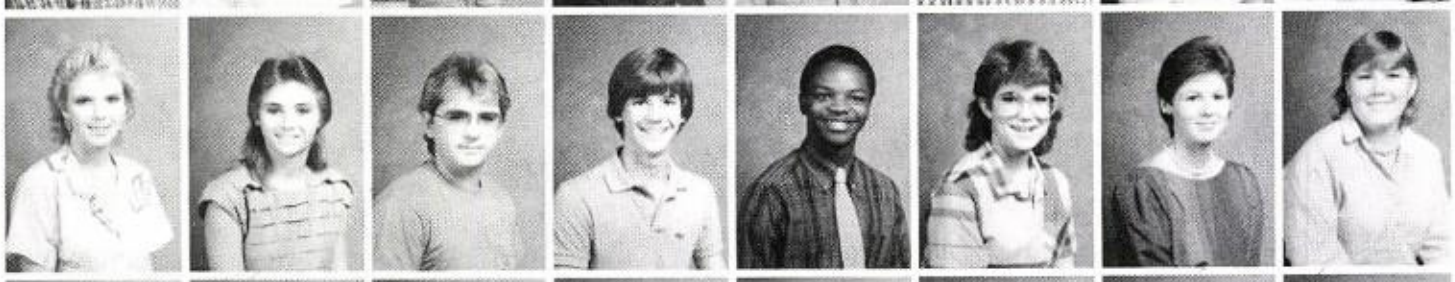

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Teresa Thompson
Kelvin Thorne
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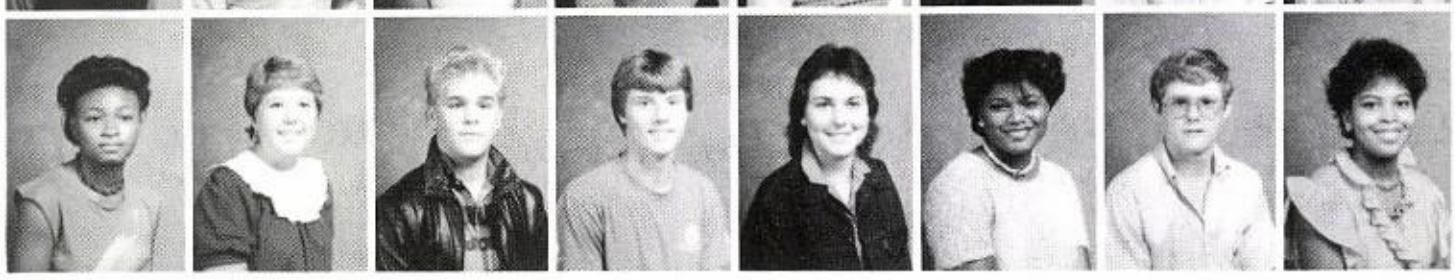

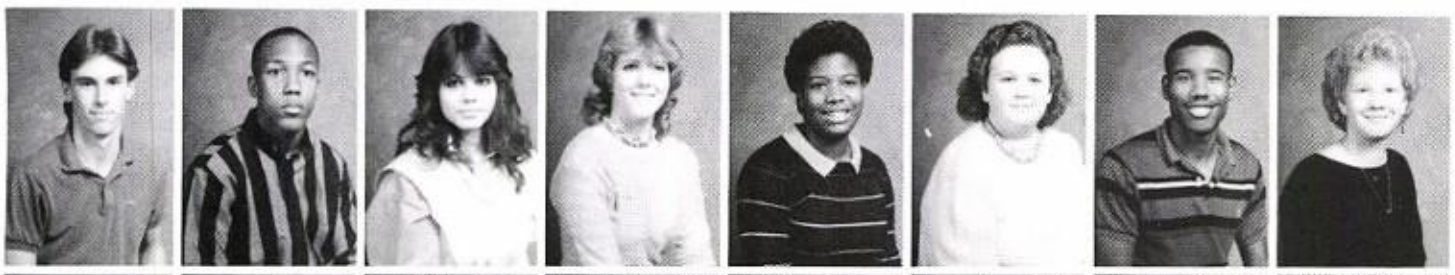

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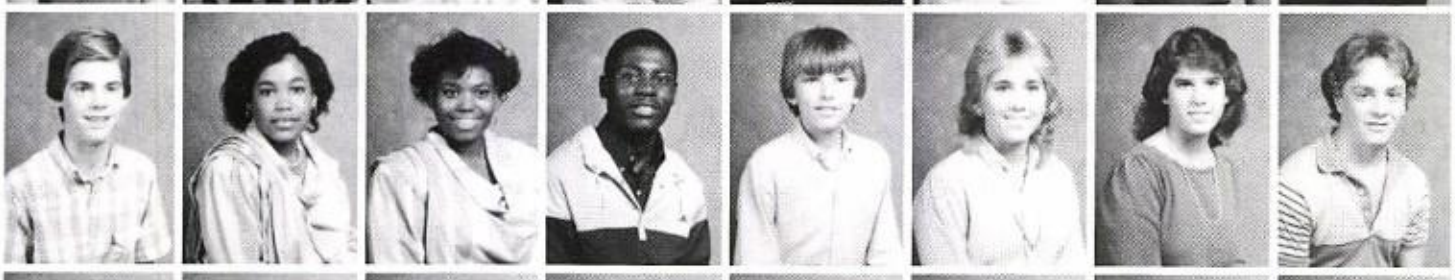
Christy Walker



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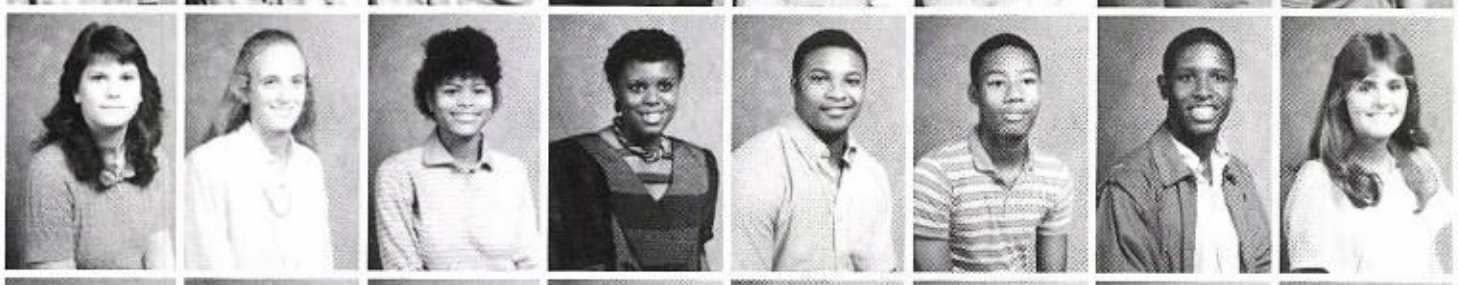

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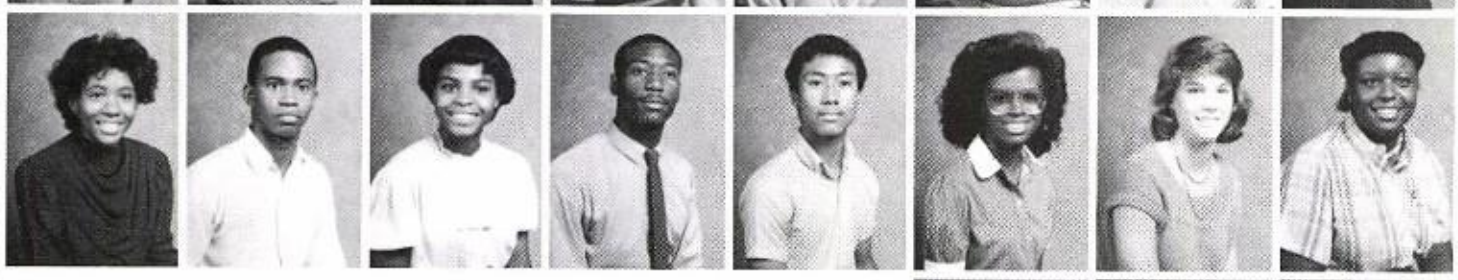

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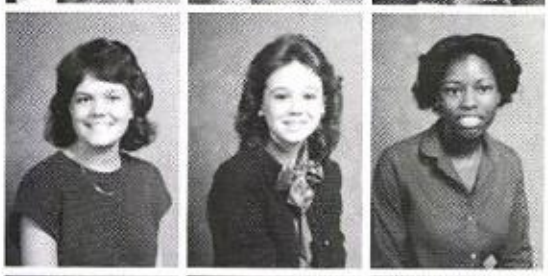

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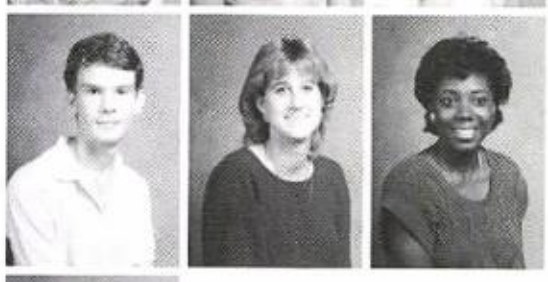

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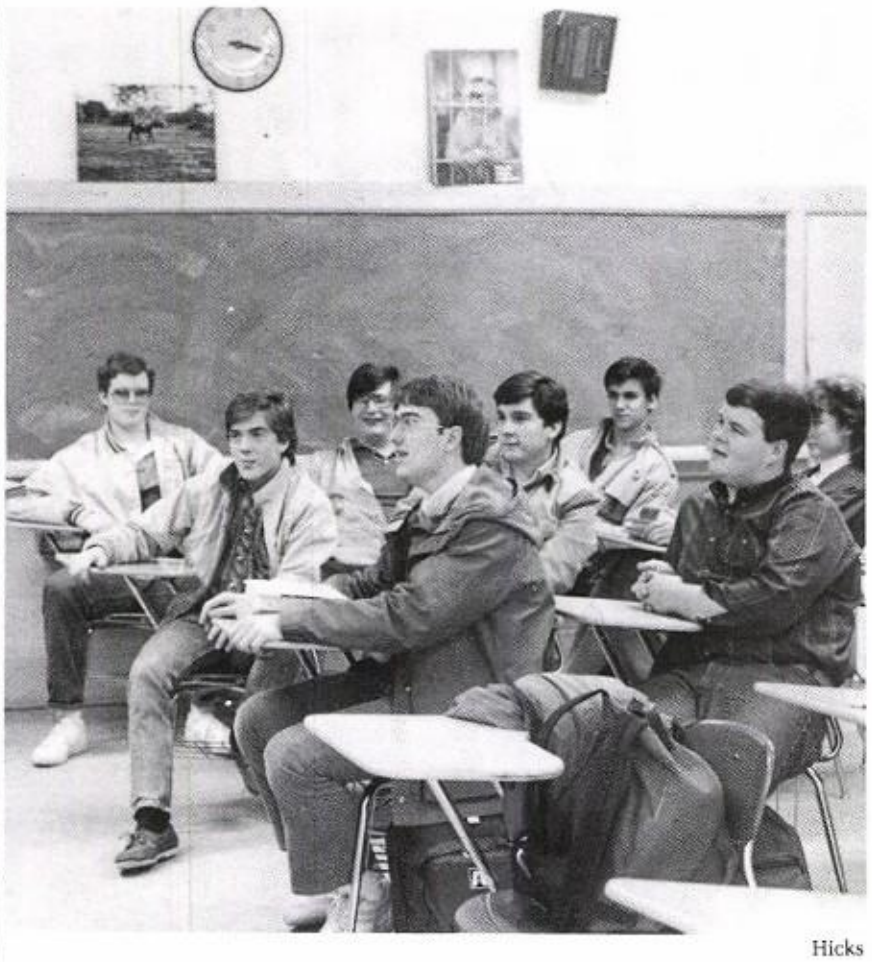

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Competing for academic pride, members of the Quiz Bowl team prepare for their first meet.

Bewilderment sets in

On the first day of school, I felt like a little child just being admitted to live in the cruel world.

— Dawn Snowdor.

The first day of school was a lot of fun. Not at all the dreaded terror it was made out to be.

— Candace Jones

I was nervous and excited. I thought to myself, "How can I get out of here?" because I was totally lost and scared.

— Tami Demers

The first day of school was quite unusual with the senior stampede in the morning. The rest of the day I was on the lookout for any unexpected surprises.

— Pamela Sansbury

On the first day I was just simply bewildered.

— John Seagroves

The first day of school was definitely a memorable experience! I'm sure next year I'll help put the sophs through exactly what happened to me!

— Ann Dickens

I really loved the first day of school. The signs plastered over the front of the school reminded me that I was only a sophomore . . .

— Moye West

On the first day of school, I walked along the long, crowded halls that curved around in a maze; I thought to myself, "What the heck am I doing here?" My heart beat faster and blood pressure rose as excitement filled the air.

— Cleon Felton

— Alicia Johnson & Lou Ann Oakley

Courtesy

First semester sophomore class officers are: Joe Angelo, president, Melanie Rountree, Vice-President, Valerie Farrar, and treasurer, Cathy Farmer, secretary.

Hicks

Showing signs of trepidation, sophomore Stacy Johnson watches the seniors make their grand entrance.

Renee Adams
Vickie Adams
Marcie Alford
Robbie Allen •
Robert Allen
Scott Allen •
Ressa Alston
Robert Alston

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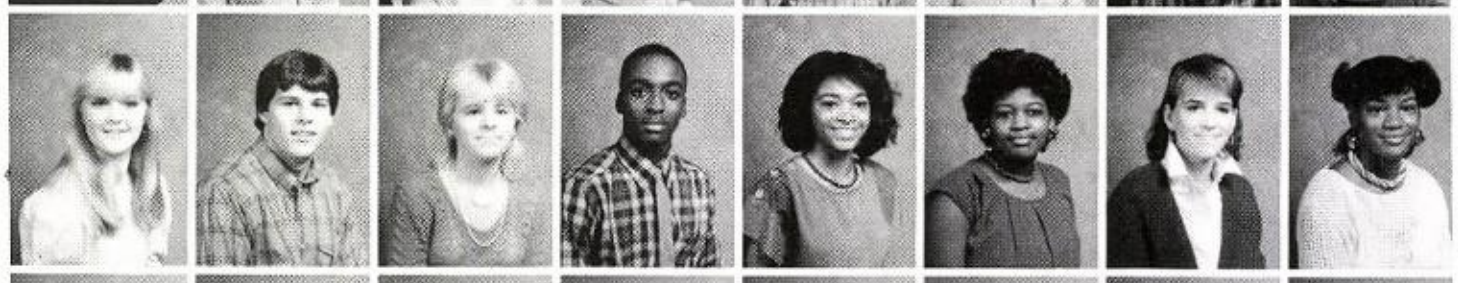

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Frank Bandy •
Barry Barnes
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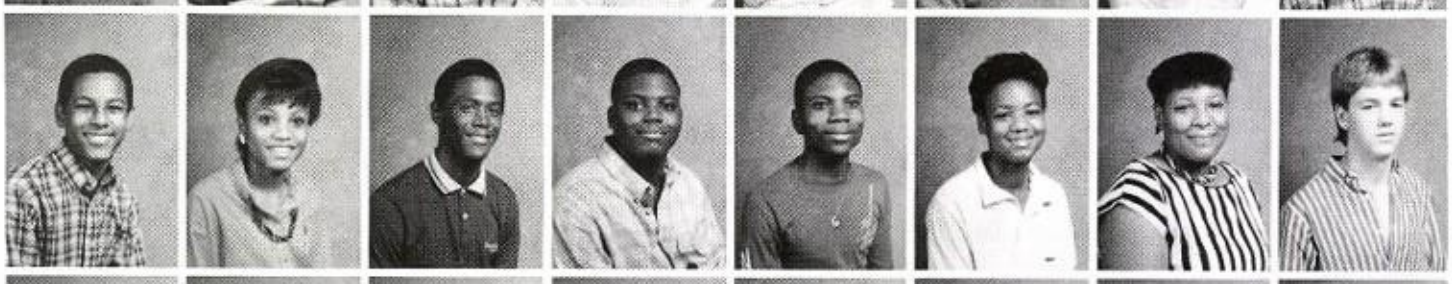

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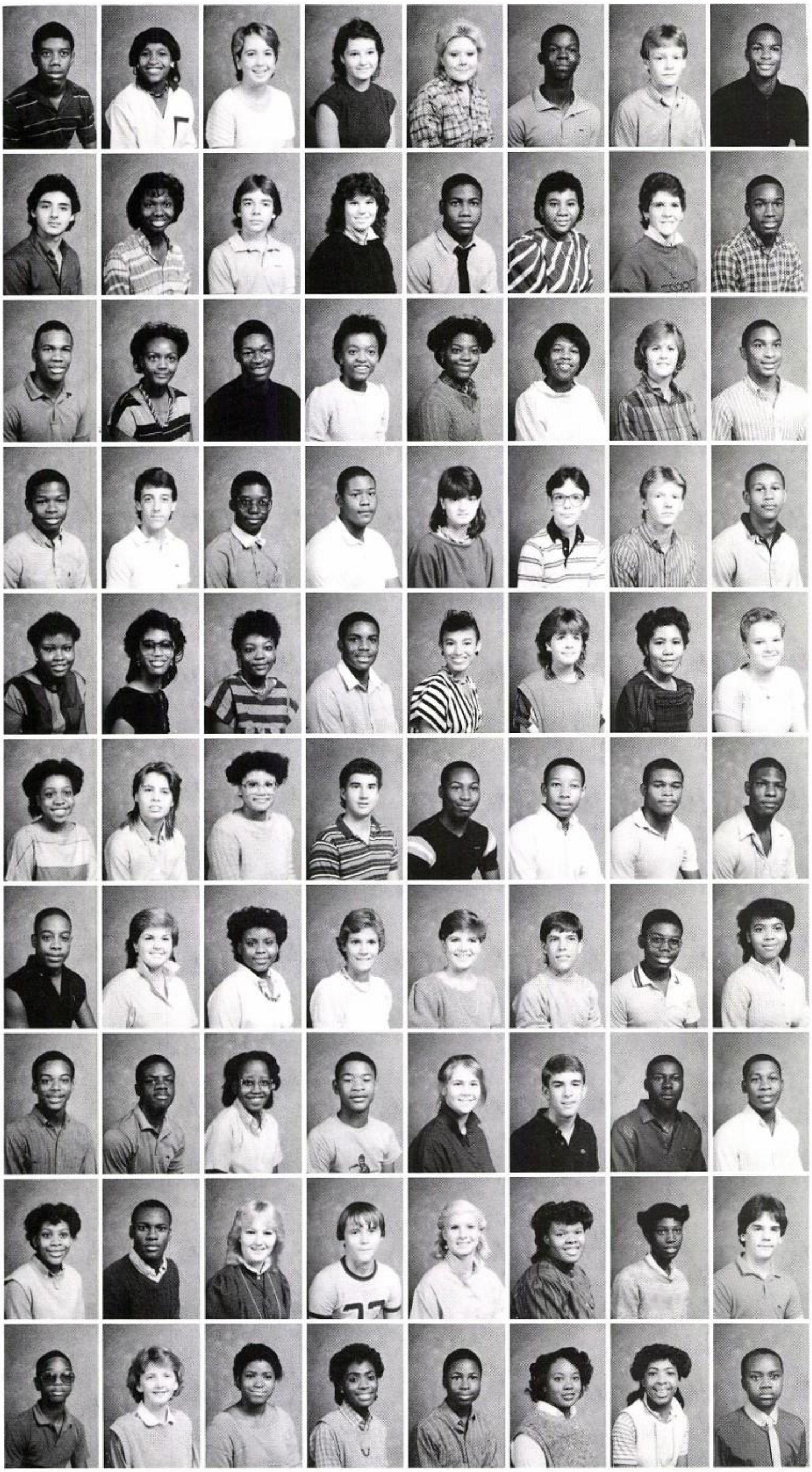

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Missy Bryant
Johnny Bulluck
Linette Bulluck
• Marty Bulluck
Chris Bunn

George Bunn
Gwen Bunn
Harold Bunn
Lisa Bunn
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Latanya Burstion
Beth Burton
Ed Bynum

Jon Bynum
• Paul Cake
Hayward Campbell
Daryl Canady
Cathy Carmody
Frank Carpenter
• Matt Cary
John Caudle

Latrice Chambers
Tanja Chavis
Laurinda Cherry
Randy Clarke
Tracey Clarke
Dawn Clinard
Anne Coates
Phyllis Coates

Sheila Cobb
Sheri Cochran
Patricia Cofield
John Coley
Michael Coley
Alex Cook
Adrian Cooper
Mike Cooper

William Cooper
• Michelle Costa
Vicky Crandell
• Angela Crociata
• Natalie Crocker
Jim Cummings
Joseph Cutchin
Vickie Dancy

Antoine Daniel
Dannell Daniels
Mona Daniels
Barry Davis
• Gretchen Davis
Michael Davis
Vernon Davis
Hatley Deans

Rachele Deans
Ricky Deans
Tami Demers
Chris Denton
• Ann Dickens
Crystal Dickens
Ressa Dickens
David Dickerson

Scott Dixon
Tammie Dixon
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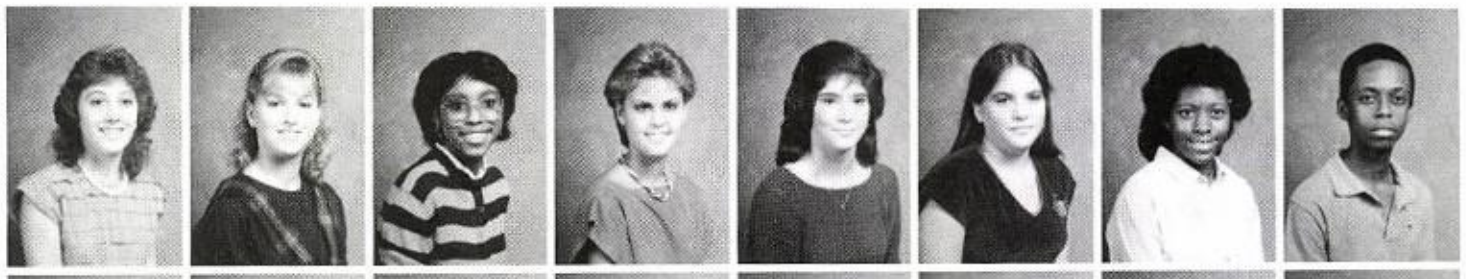

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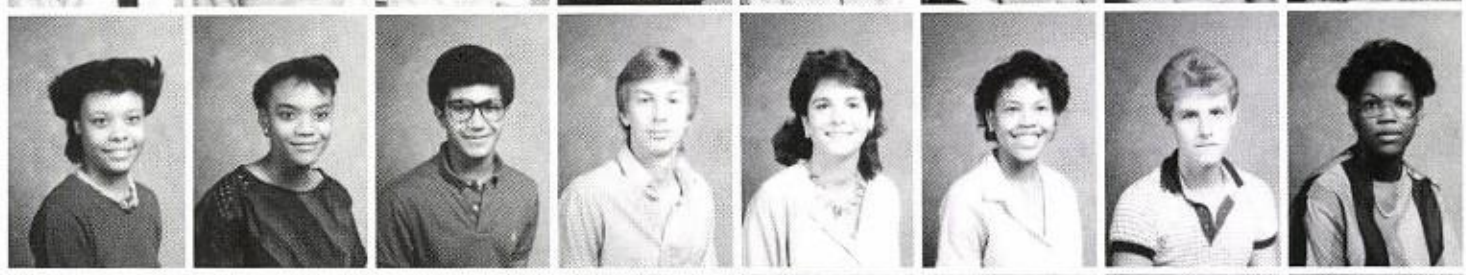

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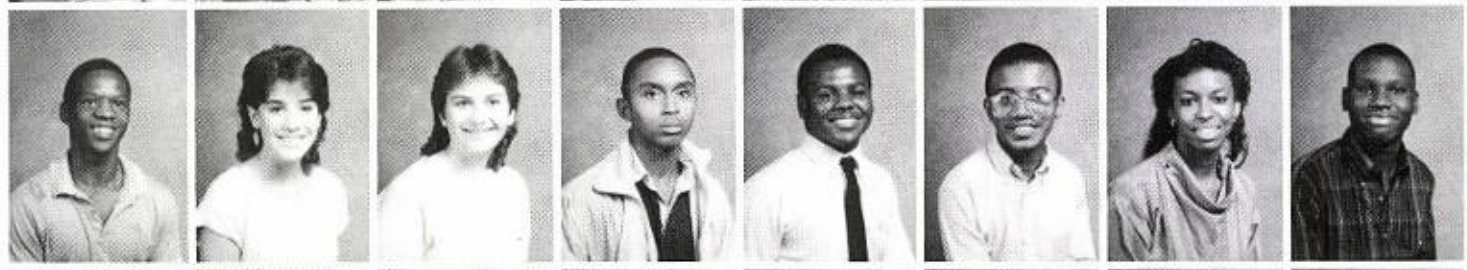

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Margaret Hales
Allen Hall

Annie Hammiel
James Hammiel
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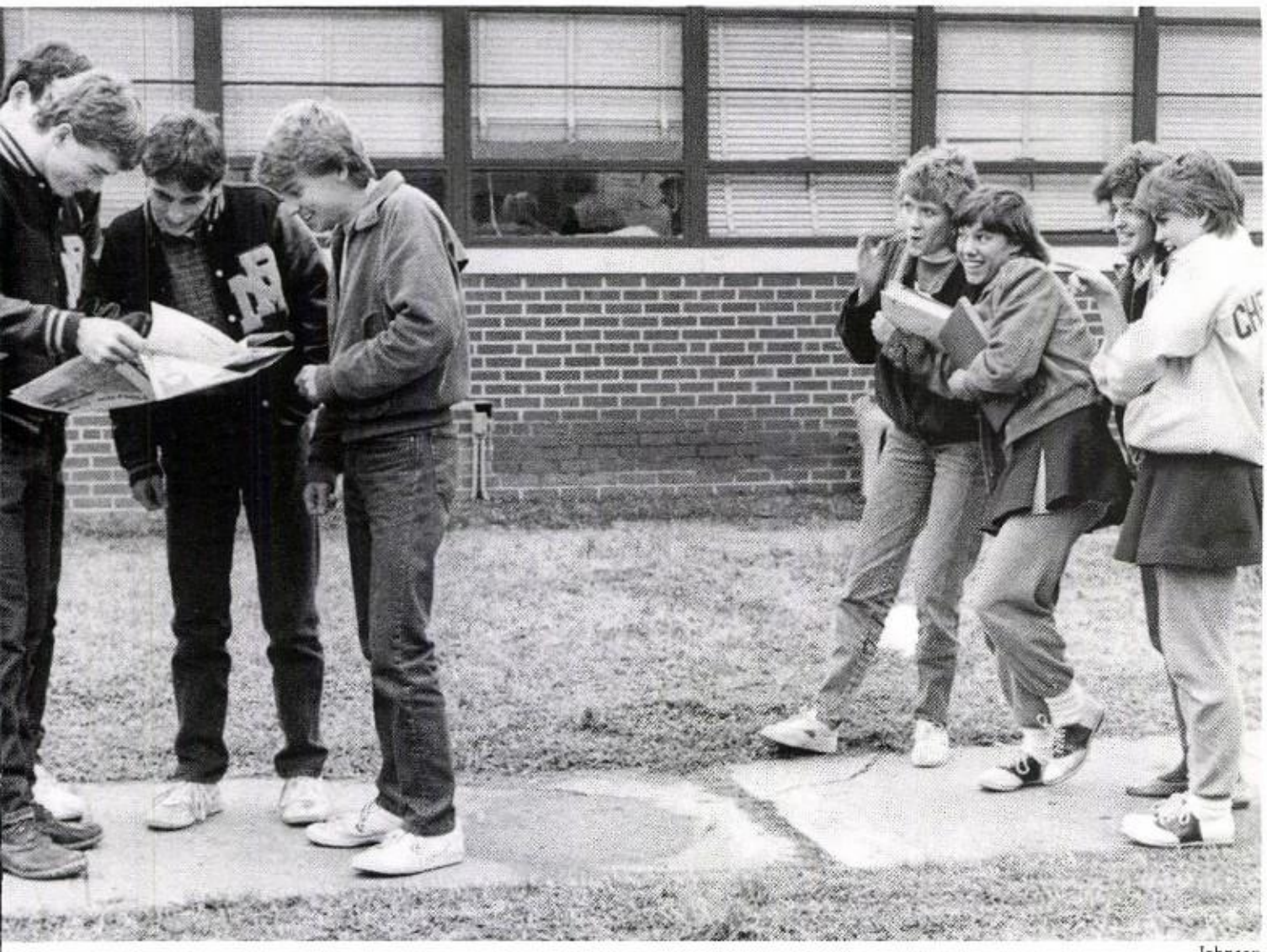


Johnson

Wish they all could see Carolina boys. Drooling over those senior specimen, sophomore Pamela Sansbury, Shawn Joyce, Ronda Strickland, and Cissy Eagles watch eagerly as seniors Scott Tulloss, Michael Doyle, Matthew Westcott, and Joe Fish review the sports section, pretending not to be interested in the **real** sports action.

Infatuation . . .

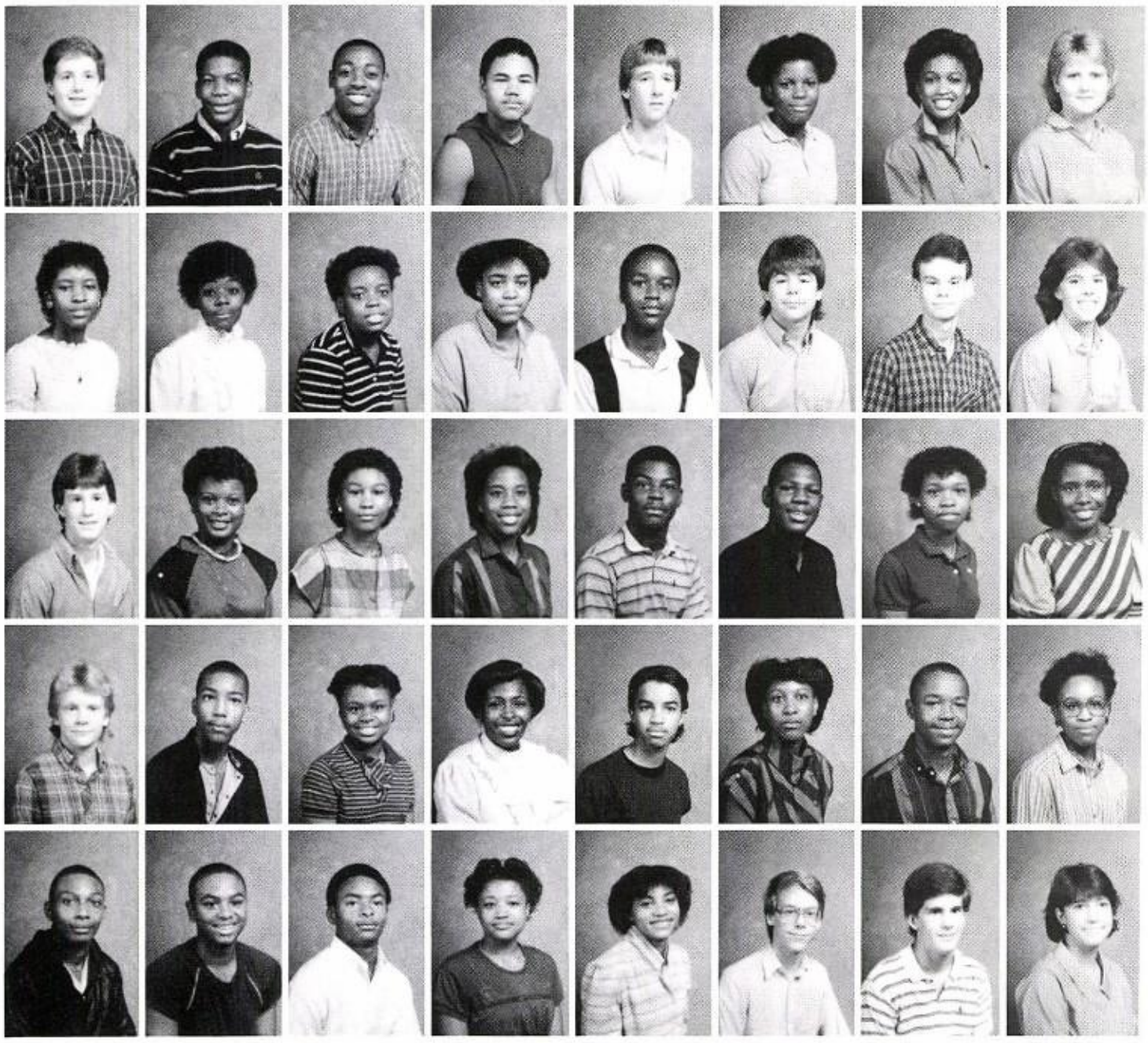
Infatuation? Maybe . . . Status? Maybe . . . What was it about a senior guy that made sophomore girls go crazy? There was something about a senior guy that, as in every year gone by, infatuated sophomore girls.

Using a special built-in radar, female sophs quickly scanned the halls in search of their prey. Many held on to the dream of being asked to the prom, out on that special date, or even being walked to class by a senior.

Resentment even built up in the underclassmen as the favored boys of the sophomore and junior classes just didn't have the same impact on the ladies.

Whatever caused the tradition still held strong.

— Alicia Johnson —



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Charlie Hinton
Dean Hobbs
John Hobgood
• Kristin Holding

Dean Holmes
Tammy Hooker
Michelle Hopkins
Sonya Horne
Tony Horne
Anthony Horton
Kim Horton
Stacey Horton

Brenda Howell
Tony Howell
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Angela Hunter
Wilbert Hunter
Denise Hussey
Tony Jacobs
Arie James

Clement Jay
James Johnson
Johnny Johnson
Linda Johnson
Maggie Johnson
Ralph Johnson
• Jay Jolley
• Candy Jones

David Jones
Falice Jones
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Gilbert Jones
Jenelle Jones
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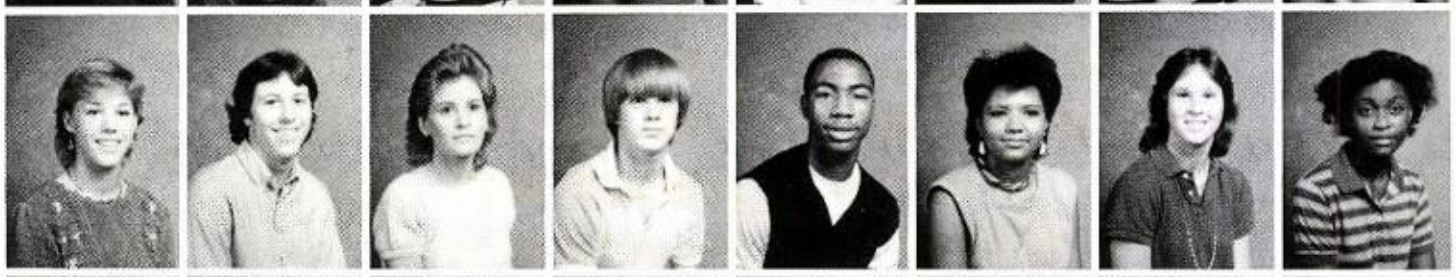

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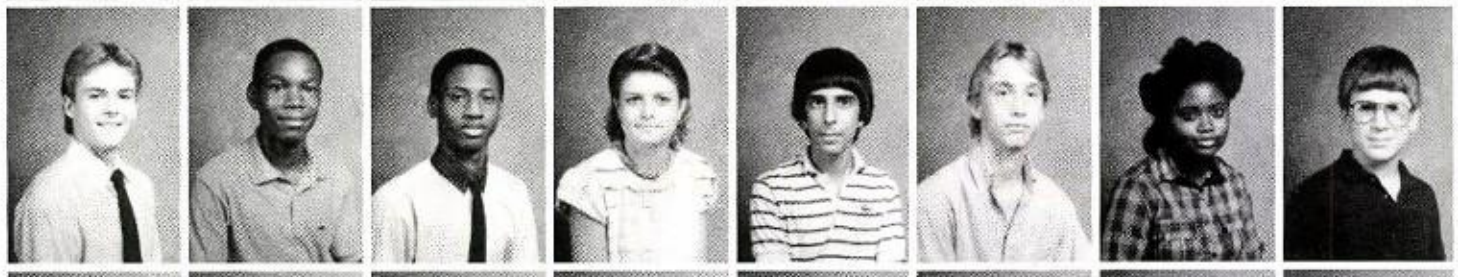

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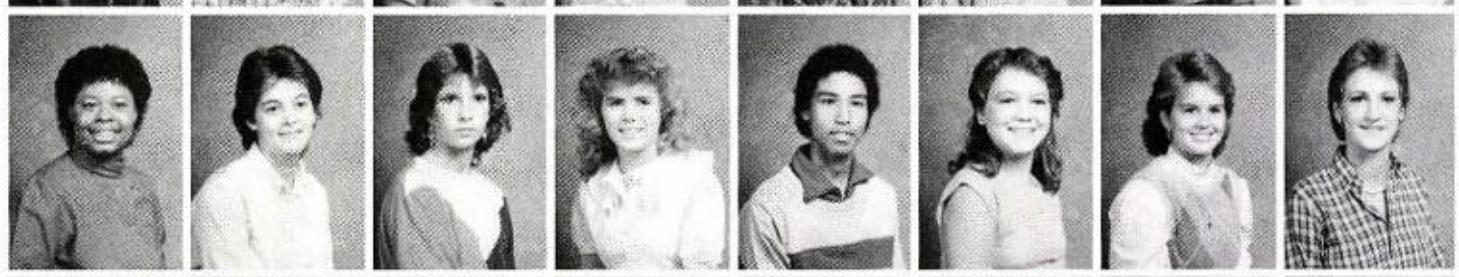

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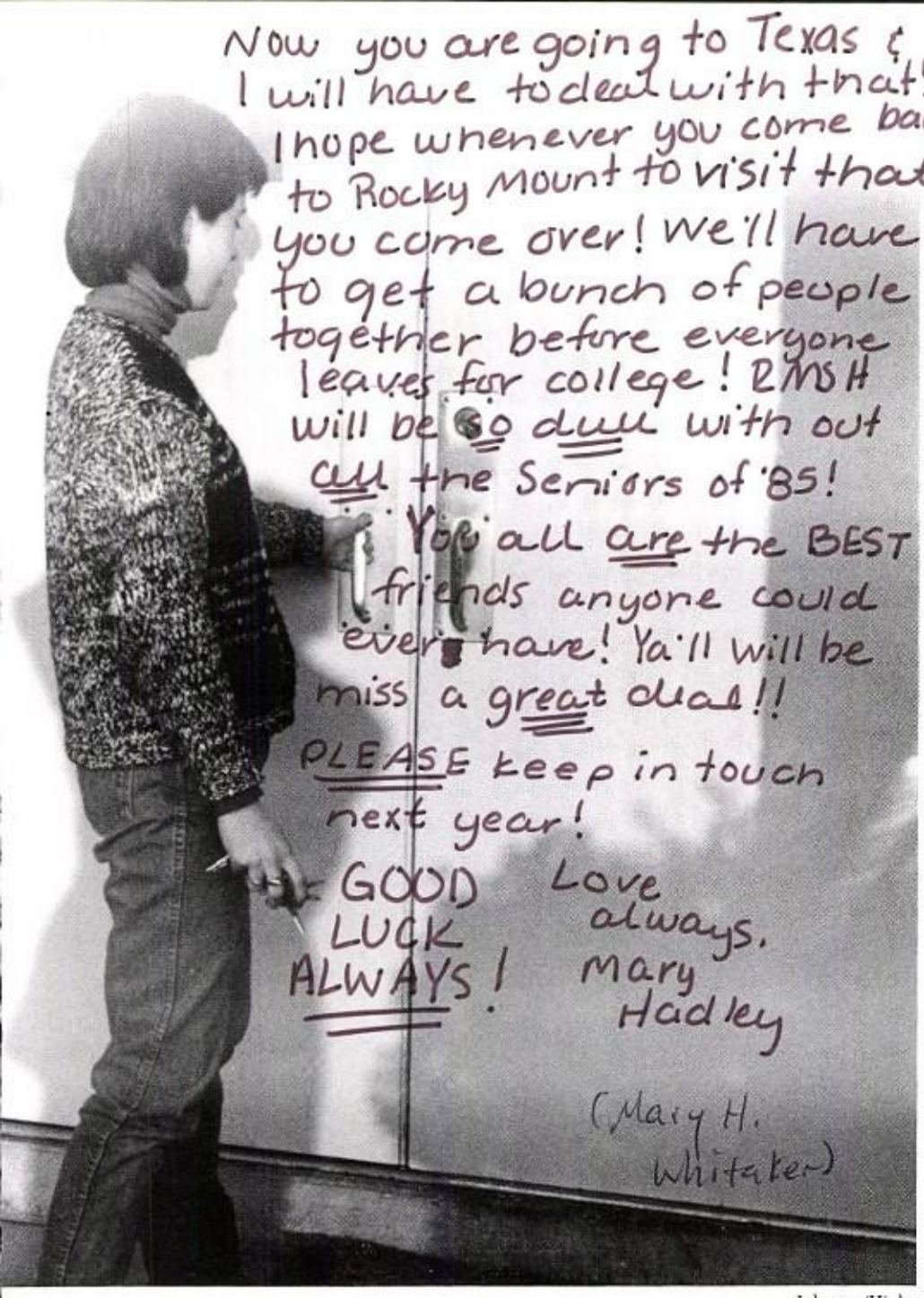

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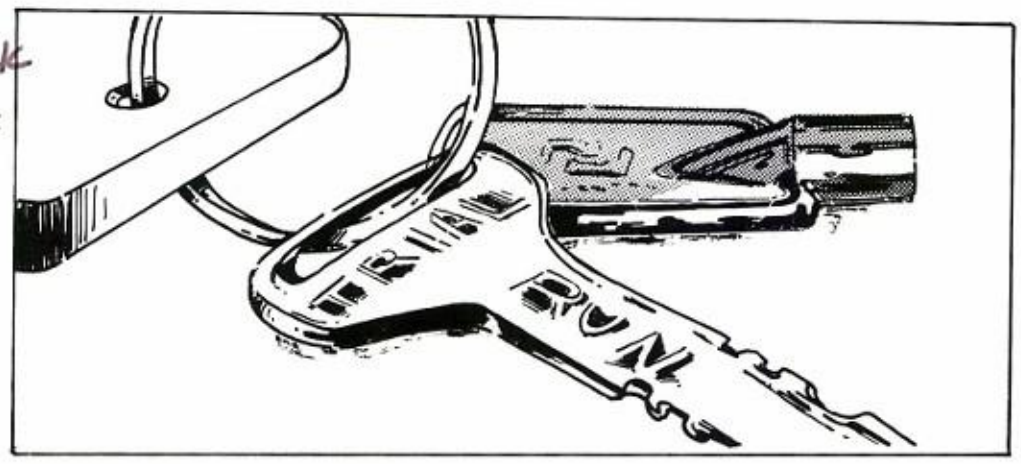
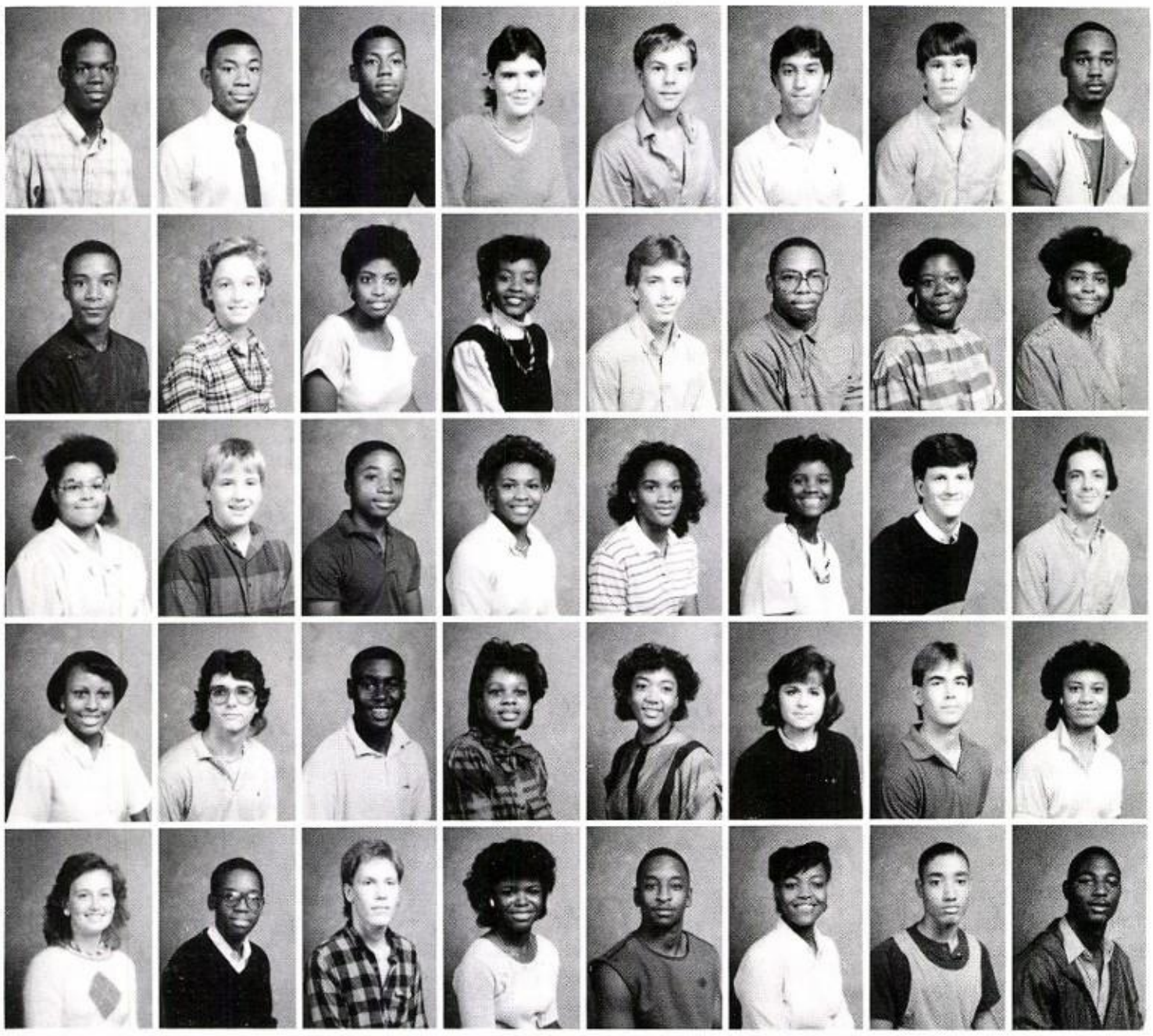


Signs ... Signals ... brakes ... 3-point turns ... parallel parking! The nervousness sets in as the way is made to the Highway Patrol Station. Practicing previously learned skills before the big day ... A sixteenth birthday and the excitement of receiving a license ...

Sophomores had undergone the agonies and mishaps of learning how to drive. "Getting my license had its good and bad points. It was scary being in the driver's seat and all alone in the car. But the good part about it was not having anyone to criticize my driving," sophomore Ann Dickens said. The keys were in their hand, they were under the wheel and took control. This is the big event that was impatiently awaited for by sophomores. The freedom of being able to go places without asking someone to take them came when the driving examination was passed.

— Lou Ann Oakley —

Heart pounding with excitement, Mary Hadley Whitaker enters the doors of the Highway Patrol Station in hopes of gaining a new freedom in the form of her driver's license.



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• Chris Parker
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James Parker
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Patricia Parker
Sophia Parker
David Patrick
William Person
Lori Petteway
Carlene Phillips

Jackie Phillips
Kevin Pierce
Oliver Pittman
Regina Pittman
Tina Pittman
Tara Pitts
Ivey Powell
Chris Prince

Bessie Pullen
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Tim Pullen
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Sharaton Pulley
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Larry Raynor
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• Sue Register
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Maggie Richardson
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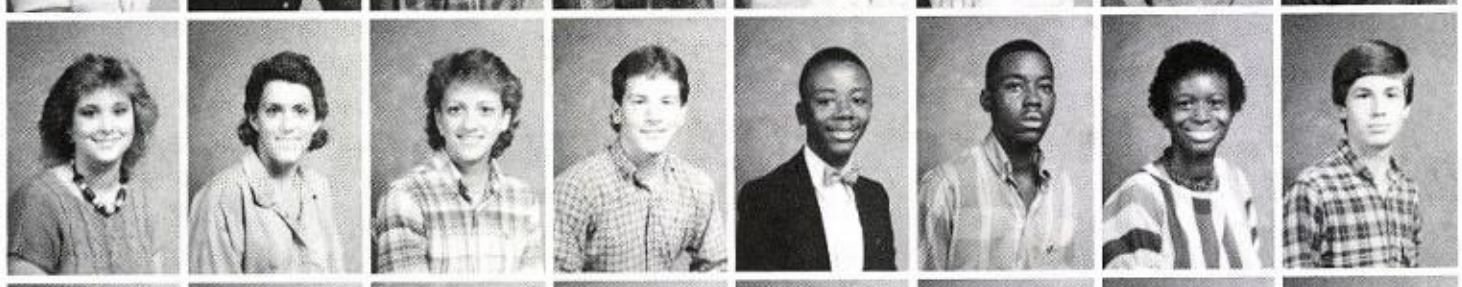

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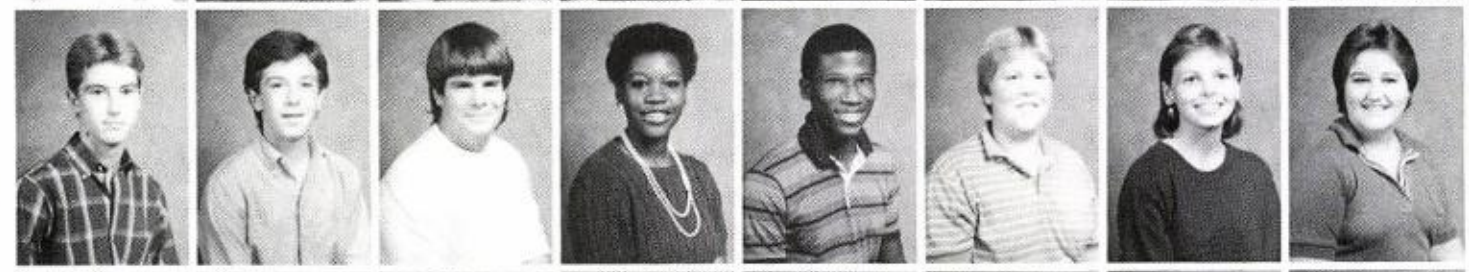

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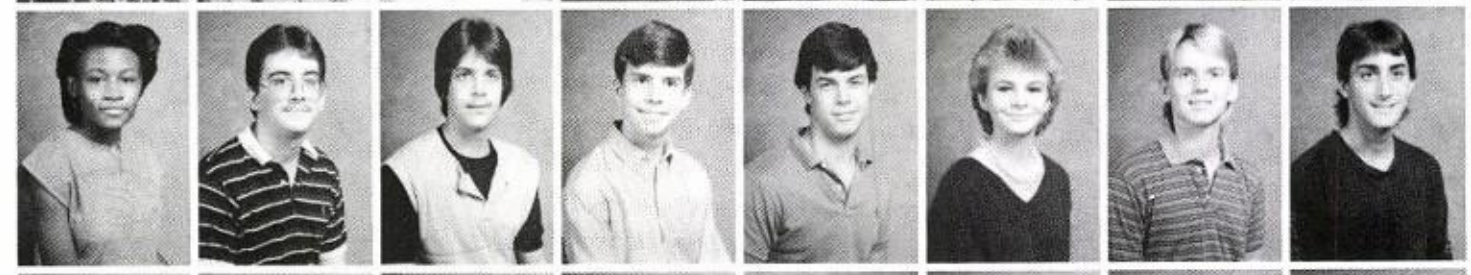

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• Mary Hadley Whitaker

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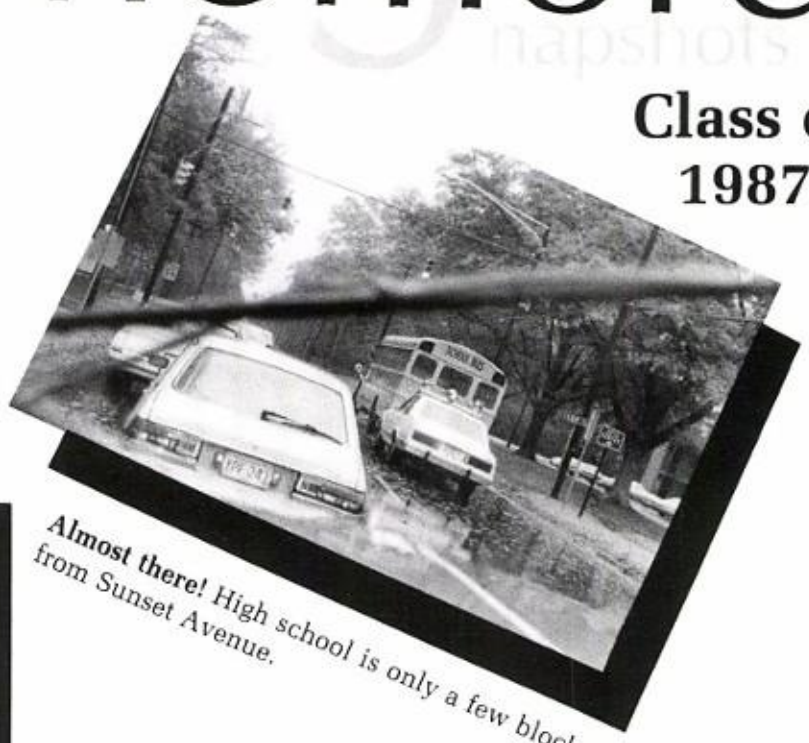
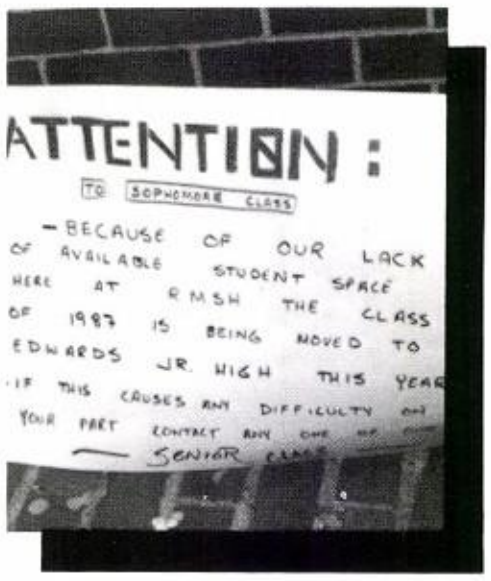
Sophomore Snapshots

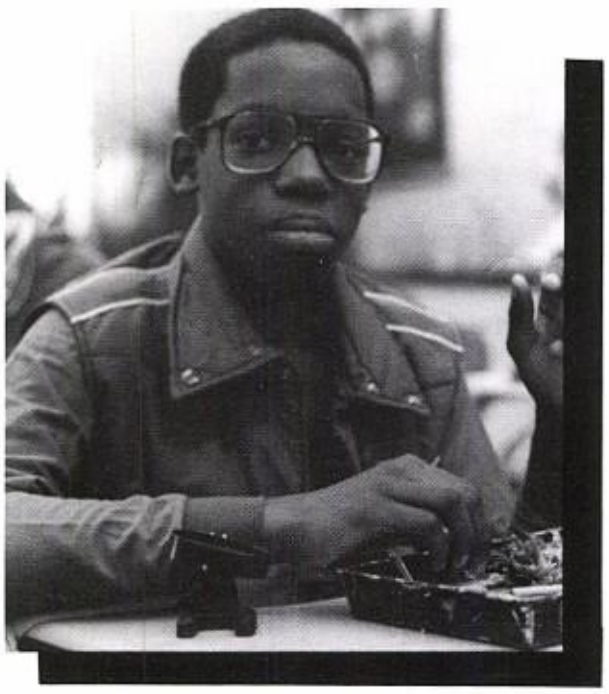
Class of 1987



Almost there! High school is only a few blocks from Sunset Avenue.

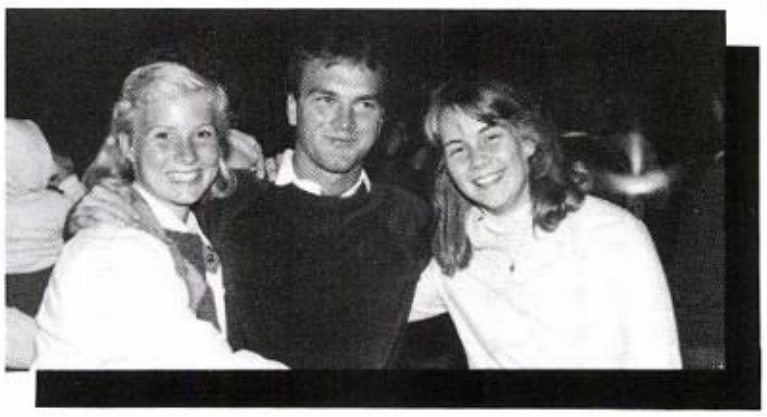


Friendly teasing from senior lurks at every corner.



Biology can be gruesome, Anthony Readout learns.

Catching a ride to lunch is often a difficult task as sophomores Robin Strickland and Cissie Eagles.



All's fair in love and war. So discover Ann Dickens and Gretchen Davis at the fair.

INSIDE

Organizations

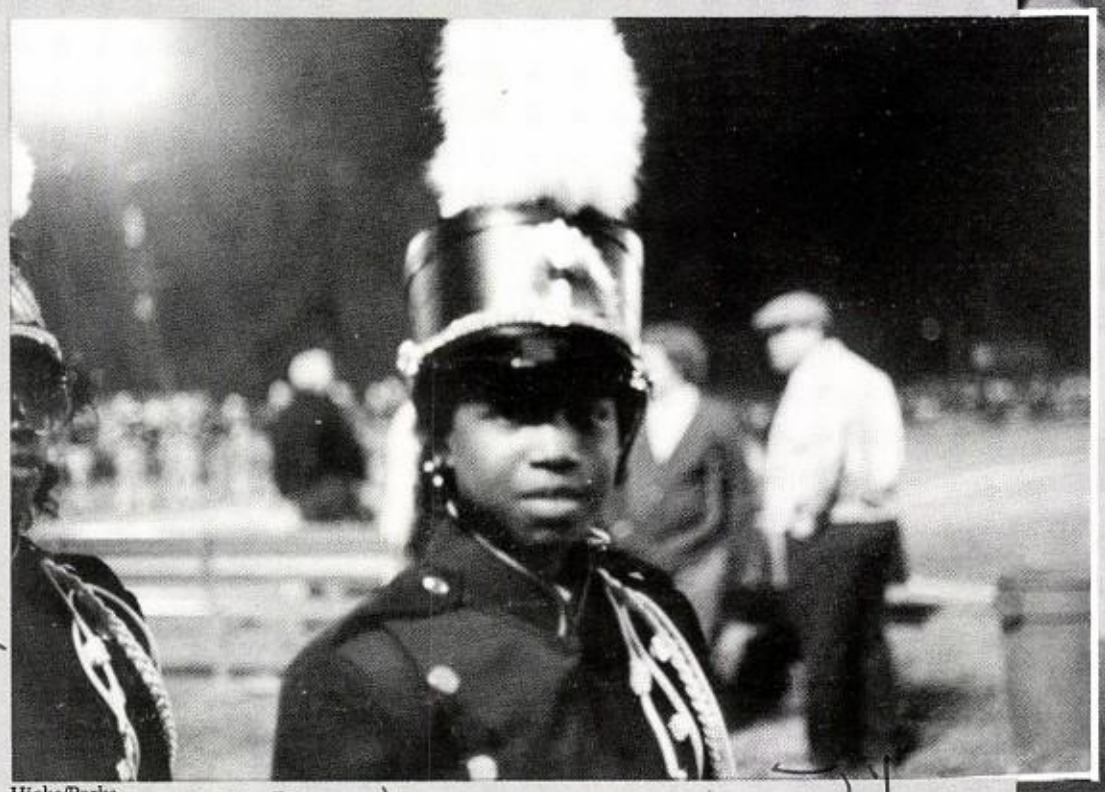
A personal touch

Busy people with busy schedules with places to go, people to meet and things to do . . . This was the essence of our busy world. People scurried to meetings, to organization of parades and fund-raising activities. It was these people who spent their time with such activities who rose above their peers to make both our extracurricular and school lives much more pleasant.

Like every school, Rocky Mount Senior High had its major clubs and their traditional fund raisers and projects.

In such a busy and impersonal world, Senior High's clubs managed to share a little bit of our school from the inside out.

Sandy Roberson



Hicks/Parks

Representing the school in an outstanding way, the band finished first in national competition. This band member is only one of the finely tuned unit.

Brentley! Good Lord Buddy - this book is jammed - You simply have too many friends! And I can't believe you didn't reserve me a page! But I'm going to overlook that social Blade & grace your yearbook anyway! Brentley, I don't think you know how much I'm going to miss you next year & you're going to be so very far away (SAD DAY) You have brightened my life for so long - all I have to do is look at you & I smile - You have that very special something that makes people (especially girls) feel good about themselves! You are such a sweetie - How will I survive without you -? Please promise not to forget me - OR else I'll tell you Come stay with

Hicks

courtesy

Friends of the initimate kind. Seniors Rhonda O'Berry and Wendy Joyner share laughs as they dress as "hicks" for the Northern Nash pep rally.

Every vote counts. The elections committee of the Student Representative Committee handled elections of class, student body, and a mock-presidential and gubernational candidates. Lena Battle, Antonia Fox and Mrs. Catherine Tedder man the ballot box.

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me sometime at Chapel Hill - you promise? Bentley, you are such a wonderful guy - good looking, intelligent & such a gentleman (Baby, girls go crazy over that quality & you have it in abundance! Thanks for all the laughs, for your smile and for simply being yourself - I love you! Rainey A Stw

S.R.A.: Service with a smile

The S.R.A. is the backbone of our school system.

"I think the Student Representative Assembly is a very beneficial organization for both the students and faculty of our school. We have some very strong leaders who know what needs to be done, and who work very hard to get it done," said senior Jake Parrott.

Made up of representatives from each homeroom, the S.R.A. worked hard all year to keep things running smoothly at Rocky Mount Senior High. S.R.A. deserved the credit for accomplishing such tasks as organizing the assemblies, arranging fire drills, running student elections, and many other important events and activities.

"S.R.A. is the backbone of our school system," sophomore Felice McNeill said.

Each year, a group of delegates is selected from the S.R.A. cabinet to attend a state convention where they exchange new ideas with other S.R.A. members across the state. Juniors Ron Hamm and Kim Hines and sophomore Cleon Felton were selected to represent our school at this year's convention at Sanderson High School in Raleigh.

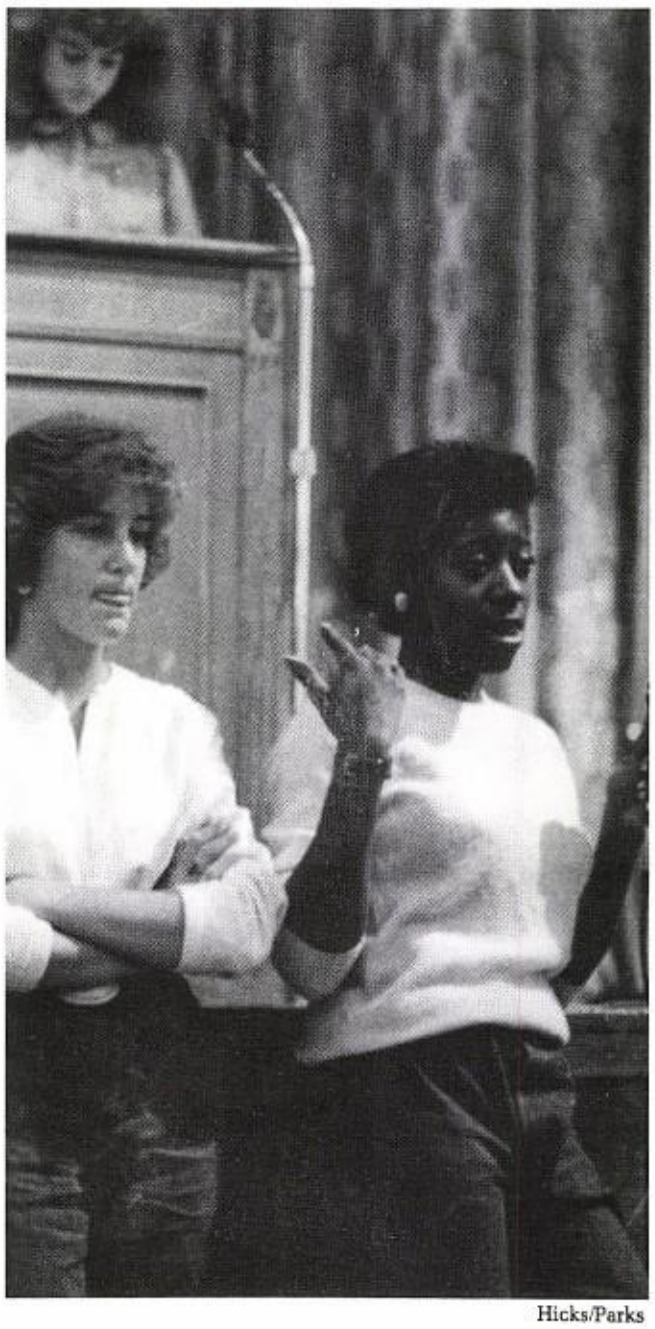
"Being involved in the S.R.A. has meant making new friends as well as having the right to voice my opinion in the student government," senior Stephanie Overton said.

Through S.R.A. students could find an outlet through which they could share their feelings and suggestions about the school system.

"The S.R.A. involves working with new people and taking on responsibility. By being involved in it, I've learned a great deal of information that will help me in the years to come. S.R.A. is a great experience," junior Kim Hines said.

Holley Daniel

"And those are the facts," seniors Nichelle Bridges and Sherri Andrews explain to the S.R.A. about the low magazine sales this year.



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Pointing out the facts, advisers Catherine Tedder and Katherine Lucas keep things running smoothly.

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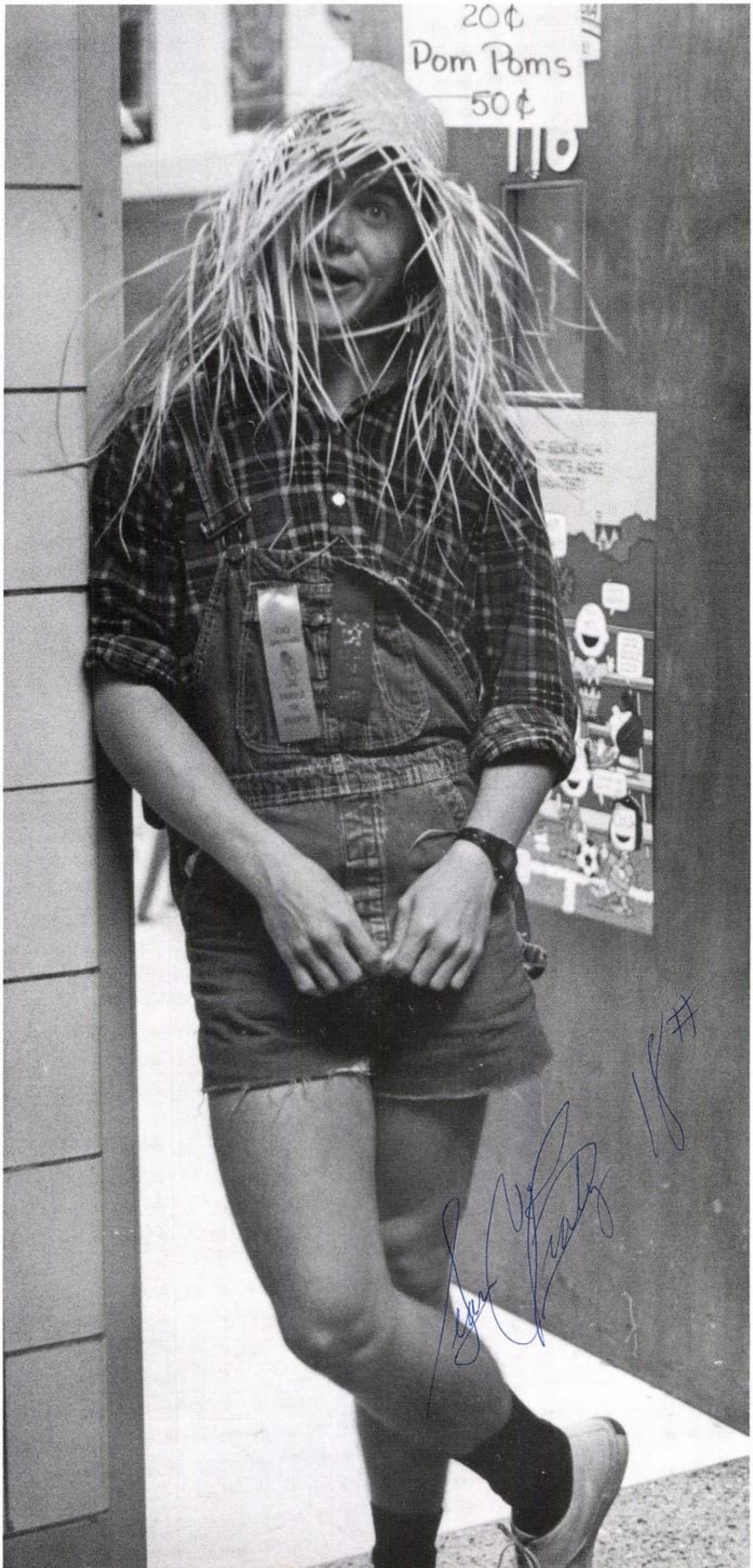
Pampered into embarrassment, sophomore Paige Parker hides her face during the S.R.A.'s annual magazine sale assembly as senior Brent Kirkham and junior Connell Pitts are amused.

"Yee Hah!" exclaims senior Sean Braly on the S.R.A.'s annual Northern Nash hick day.



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Members of the S.R.A. Cabinet are: FRONT ROW: Mrs. Catherine Tedder, Tanya Weaver, Carmen Coley, Kim Hines, and Antonia Fox. **SECOND ROW:** Sonia Pittman, Sebastian Farmer, Sakethia Wiggins, Wanda Alston, Reggell Pryor, Sharon Allen. **THIRD ROW:** Joy Barnes, Joylette Whitaker, Neil Avent, Jewel Sharpe, Darrell Leonard, Mac McAuley, Alicia Johnson, Richard Verrone. **FOURTH ROW:** Tony Carmichael, Katherine Wiggins, Katurah Hartley, Bert Ervin, Ann Chowning, Stephen Locke, Cecily Watson, Sam Watts. **TOP ROW:** Tonya Grooms, Stan Hardesty, John Coley, Scott Tulloss, Ron Hamm, Kelly Williams, Jesse Dixon, Tina Wilkins, Kenny Bullard, and Andy Anderson.

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Daniel/Parks

Waiting for the train, juniors Kim Hines and Ron Hamm and sophomore Cleon Felton get ready to attend the S.R.A. convention at Sanderson High School in Raleigh.

Symbolizing achievements, senior Jennifer Churchwell accepts the candle from alumnus Terri Brown at the annual spring N.H.S. tapping.

Lending a helping hand, senior Dan Jobe helps unload the truck for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Johnson/Parks

National Honor Society members are: (Top Photo) **FRONT ROW:** Leonora Schiebe, Trish Nicholson, Zena Howard, Virginia Iler, Bob Latham, Anthony Parker, John Morehart, and Melanie Raper. **SECOND ROW:** Cecily Watson, Mike Webb, David Hughes, Linda Hobbs, Sandra Powell, Darrell Leonard, Alicia Johnson, and Lou Ann Oakley. **TOP ROW** Joy Barnes, Donna Williford, West Riddick, Dan Jobe, Kim Kelly, Jewel Sharpe, Tina Wilkins, Jake Parrott, and Sandy Roberson.

National Honor Society members are: (Bottom Photo) **FRONT ROW:** Steve Armstrong, Jeff Bullock, Rainey Astin, Katurah Hartley, Michelle Courtney, Sabih Hamad, Kendria Arrington, and Cheryl Henke. **SECOND ROW:** Elizabeth Cooper, Amy Daniel, Lynn Butler, Kim Courtney, Debra Anderson, Jennifer Churchwell, Martha Fountain, and Bert Ervin. **TOP ROW:** Rick Edmondson, Andy Anderson, Carmen Coley, Stan Hardesty, Rod Batts, Cindy Hendricks, Jill Baker, Simmons Harrington, and Carter Edgeworth.

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N.H.S.: Tapped in honor

National Honor Society gets into your blood.

Donned in their robes, the old members of the National Honor Society walked down the aisles and onto the stage holding candles. The sophomores, who had never seen a tapping, sat staring as the president read out the names of the new members. The juniors, who had seen the tapping the previous year, sat hoping that one of the members would stop by their row and call their names.

Parents, who had been secretly contacted and told that their son or daughter was to become a new member, sat in the back row of the auditorium to proudly watch as their child accepted the candle and went to the stage to take the oath. It was a time for happiness, rejoicing and amazement for the junior who had made the National Honor Society.

"Being a member of the National Honor Society has its rewards. It gives me a feeling of pride, honor, and dignity. It's the type of recognition that makes you feel good about the school," senior Jewel Sharpe said.

The juniors who did not make the Honor Society had a chance to be tapped in the spring of their senior year, providing they met the qualifications.

In order to qualify for membership in the society, a student must have a high grade point average and exhibit leadership qualities, character, academic excellence and be involved in extra-curricular activities.

The Wita Bond Chapter of the National Honor Society's main purpose was to help others in and around the community. They helped set up the blood mobile units for the Red Cross, sponsored scholarships and helped the House and Grounds Committee.

"I am really happy to be a part of the National Honor Society. We do a lot for the school and for the community, and we have all become closer friends because of it. It is really a lot of fun!" senior Kim Courtney said.

The National Honor Society met every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Also attending these meetings regularly were the advisers, Mrs. Elizabeth Hardy and Mrs. Suzanne Sifford, who served as the backbone of the organization.

Lee Wimberley

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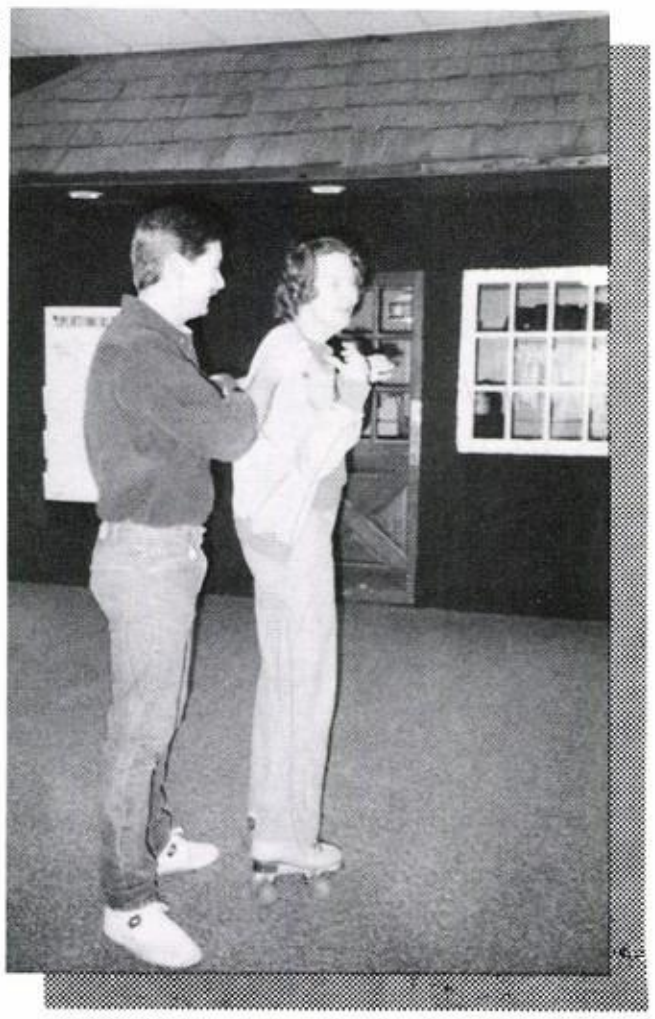


A day of roller skating at Sportsworld finds National Honor Society adviser Elizabeth Hardy requiring assistance from an employee.

Gaining a new experience

Learning about the different customs is an experience.

The two language clubs at Rocky Mount Senior High are the French and Latin clubs. Learning about the countries in a more relaxing atmosphere is what many students were found doing after school hours.

"We set a day aside for all Latin club members to dress in togas. This is to make the others aware of the Latin club," junior Todd Hinson said.

Adviser Nancy Jones and many Latin club members attended a convention on the campus of East Carolina University on November 11. These students had the opportunity to learn more about the Latin traditions.

In the spring, the Latin club members held their popular daisy sale.

"The French club is a great way to meet more than just the students in your French class. You meet the students in all levels of French," sophomore Shannon Arrowood said.

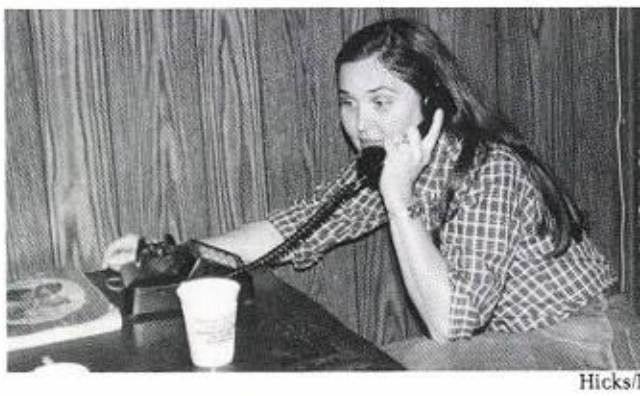
The club's primary activity was the sale of French candy. The money the club earned from the sale went towards a college scholarship for a senior who is furthering his education in French.

"I think that all languages are beneficial and the extracurricular aspect provided by both the French and Latin clubs round out an individual," agreed seniors Sandy Roberson and Alicia Johnson.

Lee Wimberley

Hicks/Parks

The members of the French club are: **FIRST ROW:** Gail Sawyer, Amy Wiggins, Suzanne Taylor, Tara Linder, Daphne Dunn, John Kurtz, Sue Register, Kristi Seeger, Melanie Bolling, Trish Nicholson, Kathy Alhusen, Amy Ruggiero, and Missy Dickens. **SECOND ROW:** Clay Wagner, Lori Gupton, Jennifer Churchwell, Debra Elingburg, Karin Zipf, Beverly Collie, Candace Howell, Michelle Lowe, Beverly Mangum, Sharon Pittman, Joy Sallenger, Donna Bazzle, Mary Alice Tilley, and Sandy Roberson. **THIRD ROW:** Jill Baker, Gretchen Davis, Kim Bryant, Fred Bone, Sally Edmondson, Trey Stewart, Jimmy Mooring, Shannon Arrowood, Rebecca Garrison, Amy Winstead, Alicia Johnson, and Lee Wimberley.



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Preparing for the Latin pig-picking, adviser Nancy Jones makes a few phone calls to make things perfect.

Taking time out for some good food and good conversation, seniors Rachelle Nichols and Kathryn Fisher talk with a Chicago exchange student.

Lancaster/Hicks

During one of the French club meetings, adviser Ann Williamson leads the members of the club in a few Christmas carols.

Daisy won't tell, but Bert Ervin will. Yes, Bert has Latin club May daisies to distribute to every homeroom in the school.

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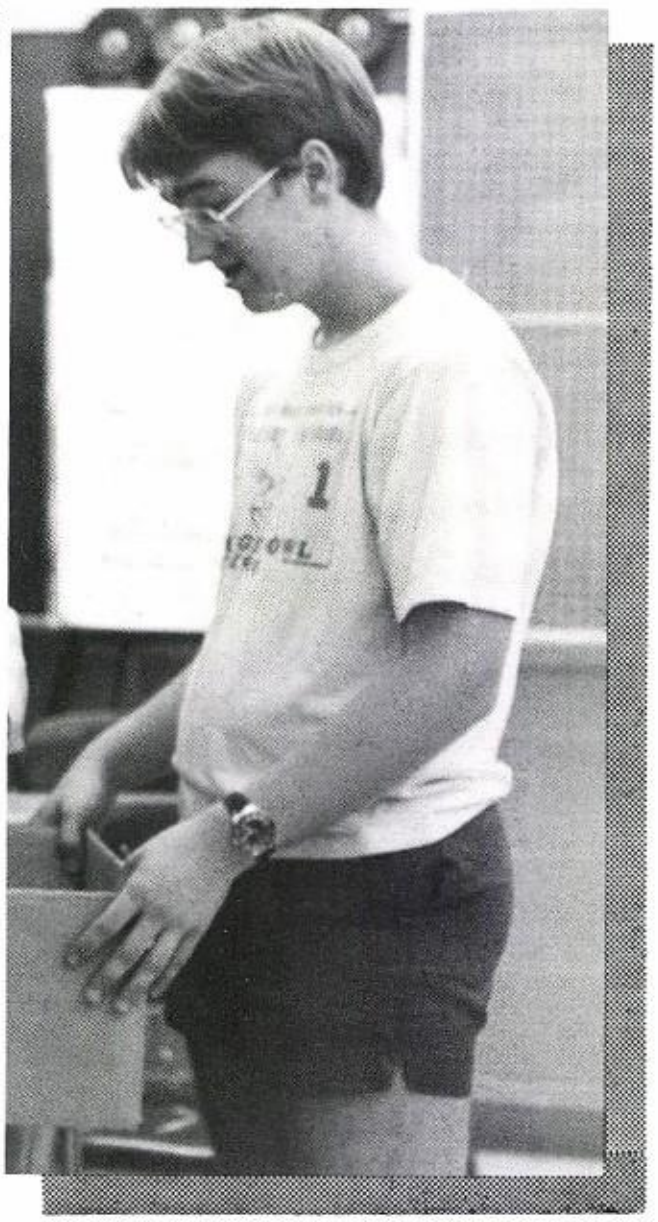

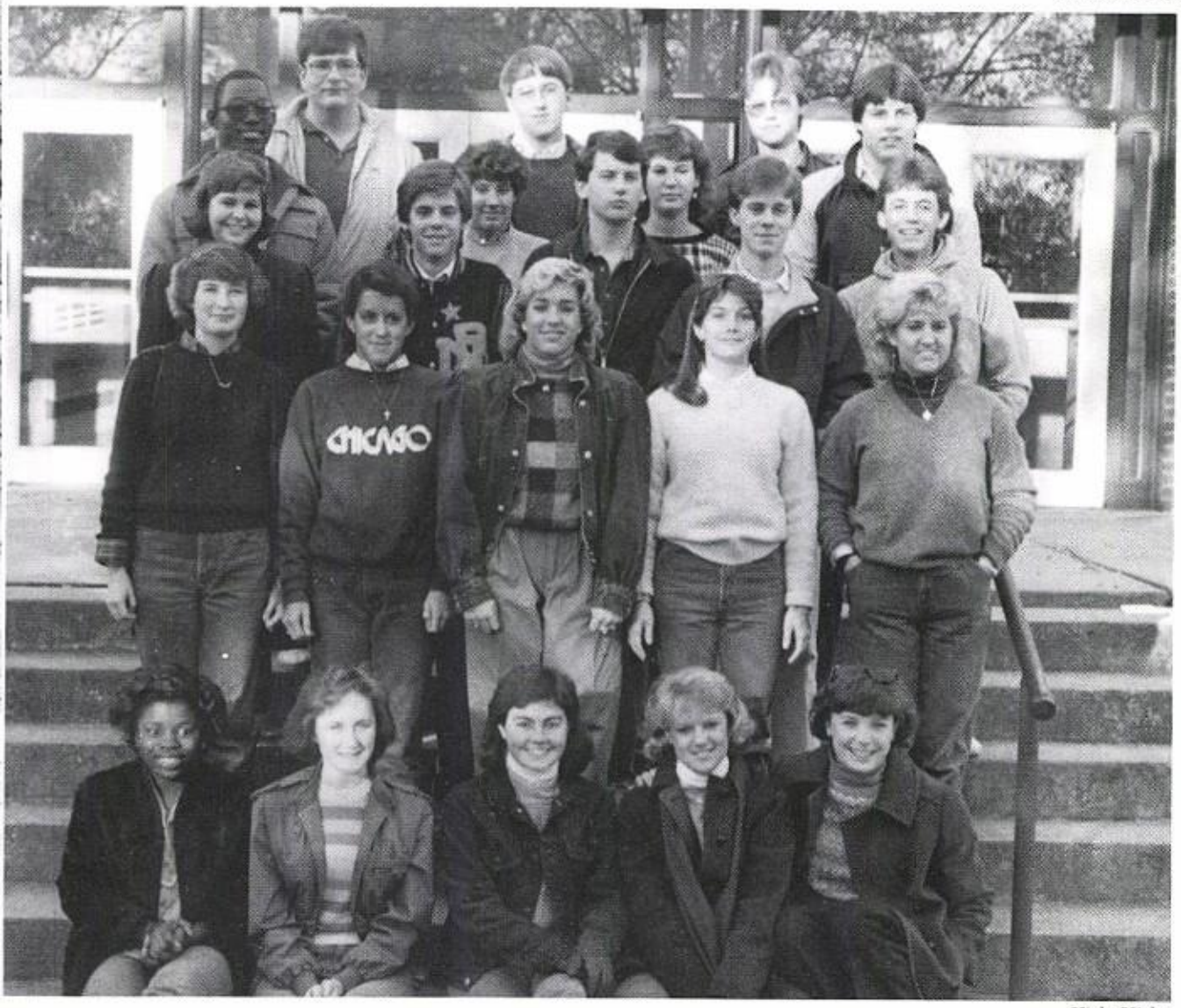

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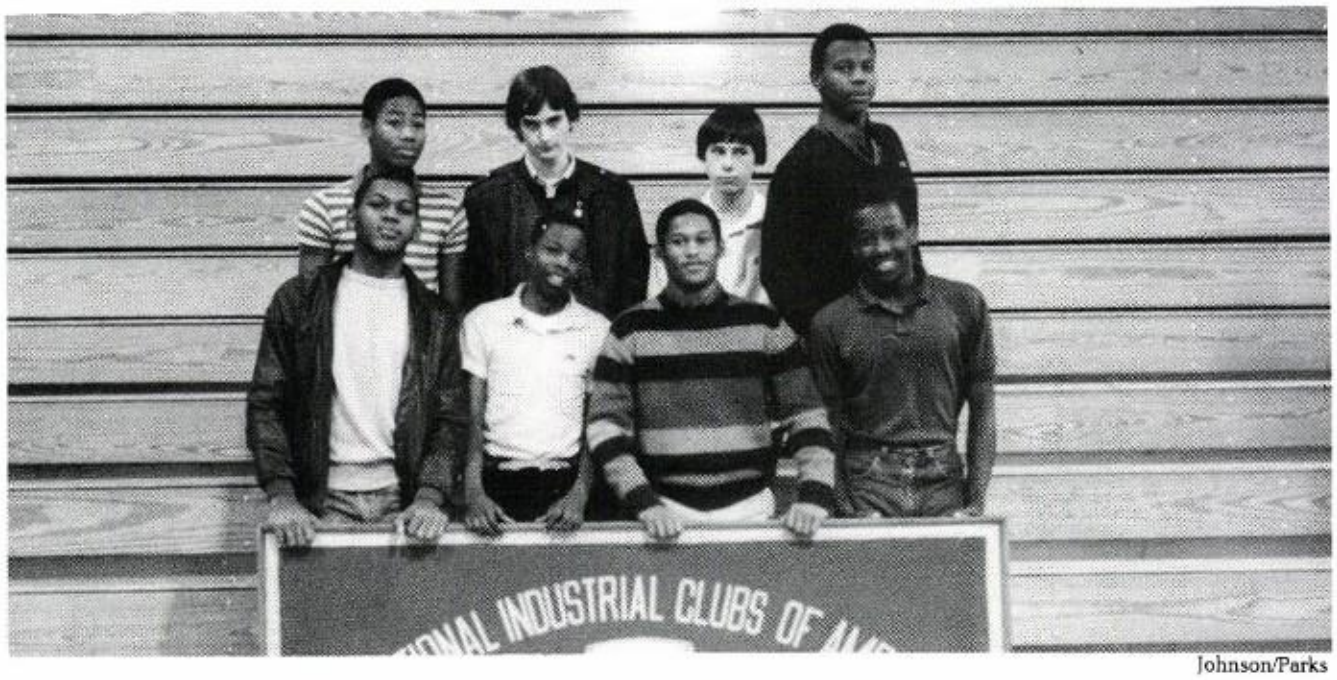
The members of the Latin club are: **FIRST ROW:** Monica Card, Trish Nicholson, Elizabeth Cooper, Tonia Grooms, and Cecily Watson. **SECOND ROW:** Michele Clark, Lori Sawyer, Sherry Hendricks, Ashley Ayers, and Trisha Pridgen. **THIRD ROW:** Jackie Leggett, Michael Walker, Makie Kanai, Todd Hinson, and John Haney. **FOURTH ROW:** Antonia Fox, Marti Mucci, Martha Fountain, and Joe Angello. **FIFTH ROW:** Sam Watts, Bert Ervin, and Dave Ezzell.

Counting the receipts of another day's work, seniors Tammy Woodard and Dorothy Battle learn from this business transaction.

Hicks/Parks

Members of the VICA club are: FIRST ROW: Shawn Blount, Maurice Horton, James Arrington, and Raymond Crandell. **SECOND ROW:** Jesse Whitaker, Richard Parker, Tommy Lane and Sylvester Richardson.



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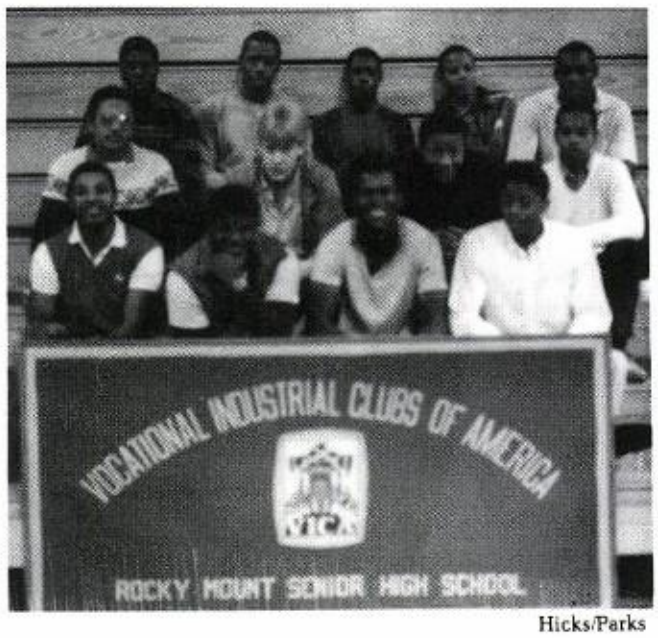

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Members of the VICA club are: FRONT ROW: Cedric Bynum, Derrick Sessoms, Charles Williams, and Larry Merritt. **SECOND ROW:** Mr. Cherry, Andy Griffin, Billy Horne, and Sam Jackson. **THIRD ROW:** Donald Winstead, Tim Carroll, Gary Knight, Bobby Spivey, and Gilbert Alford.

We are the future

"These clubs help us plan our future."

In the occupation of their choice, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America developed leadership qualities through the benefit of on-the-job training. These students acquired skills and technical information.

The VICA club sold candy and key chains to pay for expenses for their employee-employer banquet.

"I gained a lot of experience in the field of work," senior Darryll Grizer said.

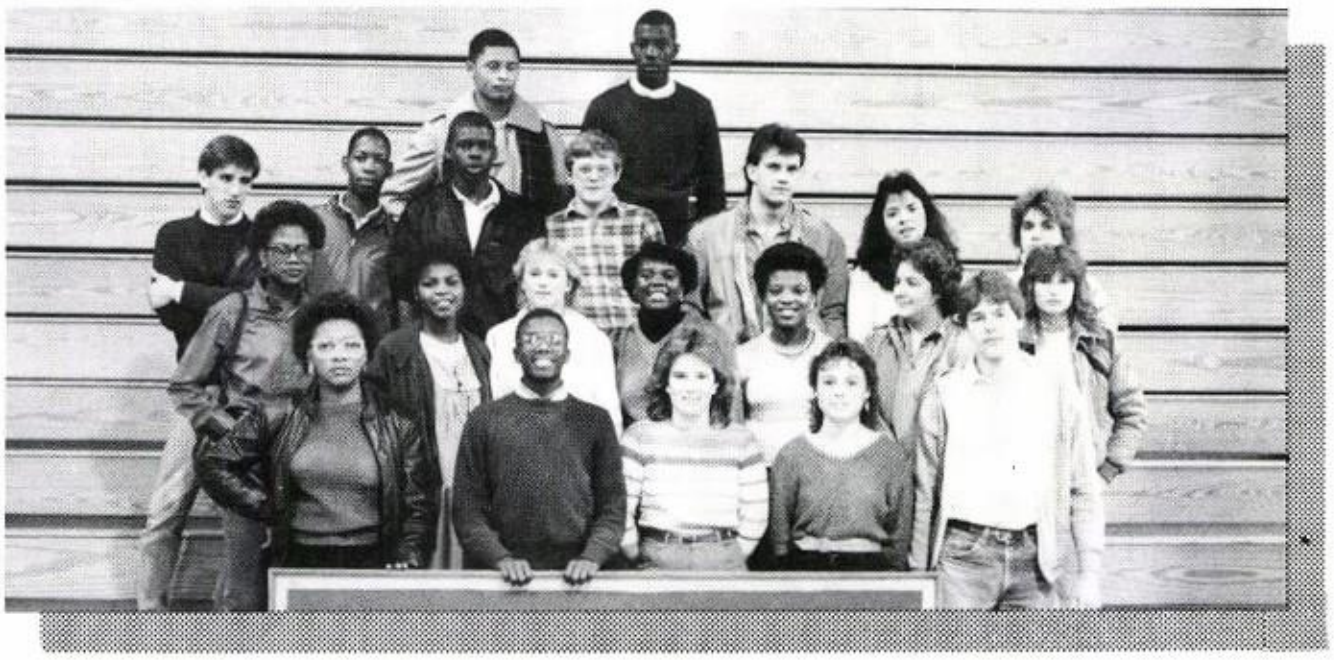
Active student participation from the students in the Distributive Education Club of America made it possible for the concession stand at all the Gryphon football games to be furnished with popcorn and drinks.

Another activity which the DECA members took part in was a candy sale. They used the money to sponsor an employee picnic and to initiate their new members.

"The DECA and VICA clubs both help you plan for your future," senior Tammy Woodard said.

In a world where economics and marketable skills play such an important role, students who have been involved in DECA and VICA activities and who have received training in such a large area should be able to enter the job market both sooner and more equipped to do the job.

Lee Wimberley



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Members of the VICA club are: FRONT ROW: Tonya Arrington, Monte Taylor, Dennise Parrish, Jennifer Odom, and David Ezzell. **SECOND ROW:** Sharon Flowers, Georgette Williams, Teresa Adams, Dorothy Battle, Belinda Gray, Michelle Morrow, and Terry Bottoms. **THIRD ROW:** Daryll Grizer, Anthony Speight, Kelvin Norwood, Neil Trueblood, John Wachowicz, Tammy Woodard, and Cherry Adams. **FOURTH ROW:** Jerome Pittman and Troy Johnson.

The DECA members are: FIRST ROW: Gloria Hayes, Pam Winston, and Angela Franklin **SECOND ROW:** Monica Richardson, Angela Whitaker, Patricia Pittman, Angela Alston, Paige Powell, Cheryl Davis, and Gina Davis. **THIRD ROW:** Jennifer Davis, Monique Thompson, Wanda Charles, Nacretia Hayes Deatrice Tillman, and Sharon Flowers. **FOURTH ROW:** Robin Exum, Anita Willougby, Charles Williams, Westry Thorpe, Reggie Chambers, Berl Battle, Michelle Ellison, and Carolyn Simms.

Hicks/Parks

On the job training senior Craig Pittman learns that the use of an adding machine a little easier.

Walker/Parks

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Walker/Parks

The moment finally arrives when Ivo Gomes can blow out the candles on his first American birthday.

Waiting patiently for his birthday, exchange student Ivo Gomes watches as senior Elizabeth Cooper puts the candles on his cake.

Giving directions for the annual fruit sale, adviser Nancy Jones and the members of the A.F.S. hope that this year's sale will be a success.

Hicks/Parks

Helping with the annual fruit sale, Mrs. Braly waits for any questions the members of the club might need answered.

A cultural experience

Learning about the various cultures is a great experience.

Sophomores were not the only ones looking for their classes at the beginning of the year. Foreign student Ivo Gomes, sponsored by the American Field Service and Mr. Ray Walker, spent a year in Rocky Mount.

"I love Rocky Mount and all the friends I have met here. I will be sad to leave everyone when I return to Brazil," senior Ivo Gomes said.

Commonly known as A.F.S., the American Field Service specialized in activities for students to learn about the cultures of various countries, cultures, within the United States, how to get along with people, and how to organize activities.

"I have enjoyed being in A.F.S. for the past two years. It is fun to take part in the various activities and working with the individuals in the club, "senior Antonia Fox said.

The activities in which the A.F.S. members took park included a fruit sale so the members could raise money to go on a short-term exchange to Bronxville, New York. The few students chosen lived with a family for a week, participating in school and family activities.

"The short-term trip to Illinois last year was a rewarding experience. I made a lot of close friends," senior Cindy Wise said.

A.F.S. also encouraged many students to take part in the summer exchange program. Junior Holley Daniel went to Denmark, junior Amy Ruggiero to Italy, senior Mike Kanai, to Germany, and junior Ann Chowing to Venezuela.

"I am very appreciative that the A.F.S. club selected me to represent them in Denmark. I think A.F.S. is a great club," junior Holley Daniel said.

Lee Wimberley

Hicks/Parks

A few members of the A.F.S. club are: FRONT ROW: Mrs. Nancy Jones, club adviser, Holley Daniel, Lee Wimberley, Cecily Watson, Elizabeth Cooper, Cindy Wise, Antonia Fox, Renee Fountain, and Laura Haste. **SECOND ROW:** Carmen Coley, Melody Williams, Rainey Astin, and Amy Ruggiero. **BACK ROW:** West Riddick, Sean Braly, Michael Walker, Ivo Gomes, and Nathaniel Moses.

Ricky Parks
Kent Fite
Ken Hicks
Stephen Locke

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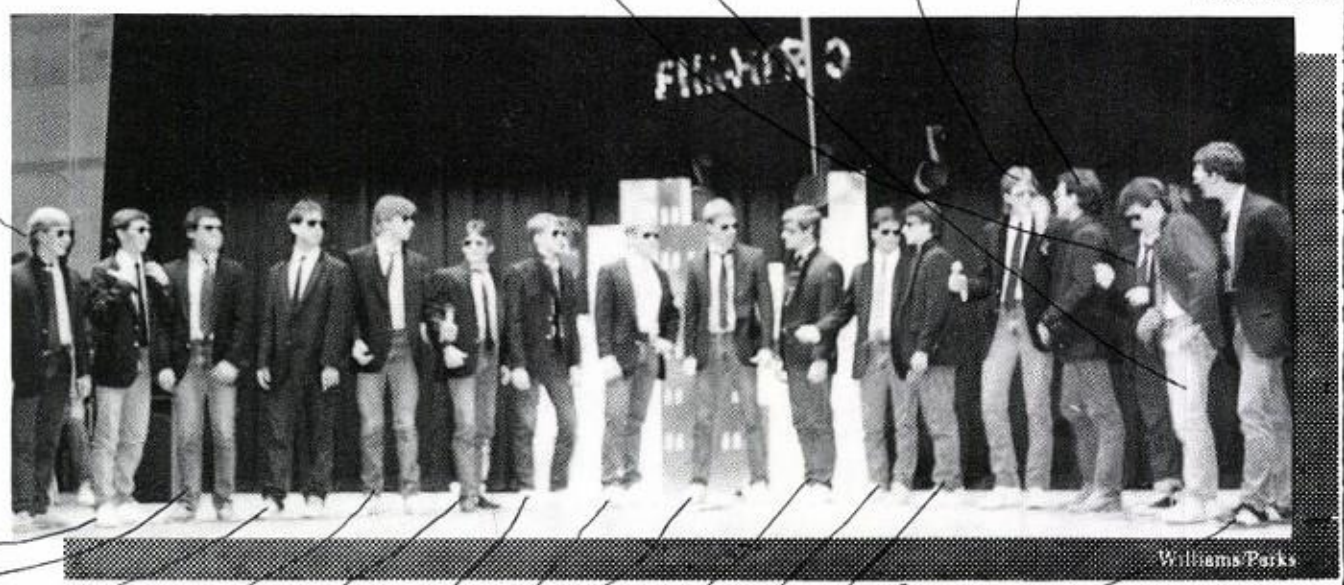
Performing in the FHA/HERO talent show, Connell Pitt and Felicia Jones sing in perfect harmony.

"Happy Trails to You." Brentley and the S-tones let their musical talent be known in the FHA/HERO talent show.



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Don Raper
Kevin Hicks
George Brown
James Tharin
Peirson Lane
Mike Webb
Tom Shannon
Richard Verone
Johnnie Umphlet
Kevin Marqum
Mac McAuley
Matthew Westcott
Brentley S.

Mike Webb
Richard Verone

What a memory!! Kev.

Parks

Preparing the Thanksgiving basket for a needy family proves to be fun as well as rewarding for FBLA members Tanya Bell, Thomas Bynum, Lisa Bulluck, and Joanetta Johnson.

FHA, HERO and FBLA students: Always a step ahead

"I enjoy all of the challenges and learning activities that FHA/HERO offers."

"Future Homemakers of America is an organization of teenage girls and boys who express interest in home economics and other economic activities. I enjoy being a part of the club because it gives me a chance not only to express myself in cooking and sewing but also in public speaking, chapter display, story telling, and many more exciting opportunites," senior FHA member Tanya Weaver said.

Future Homemakers of America and Home Economic Related Occupations consisted of over seventy members this year.

FHA/HERO members participated in several events during the year. During July, Jeffrey Moore, Tanya Weaver, and adviser Doris Jones attended a national FHA/HERO meeting in Chicago, Illinois. In September, five members attended a state project leadership meeting at UNC-G. Tanya Weaver, state secretary, attended the district three fall leadership meeting at Durham High School in September.

The club celebrated national FHA/HERO week and their fortieth anniversary during the week of February 10-16, 1985. During the week they planned many official activities with and for the other students and teachers. A special assembly highlighted the week.

The members crowned Mr. and Miss FHA/HERO and also baked and sold valentine cookie-o-grams. The members sponsored an adopt-a-grandparent program in cooperation with the rest homes in the city.

The annual pig picking was held as a reward for all of the hard work the members had done in the past year at the end of the year.

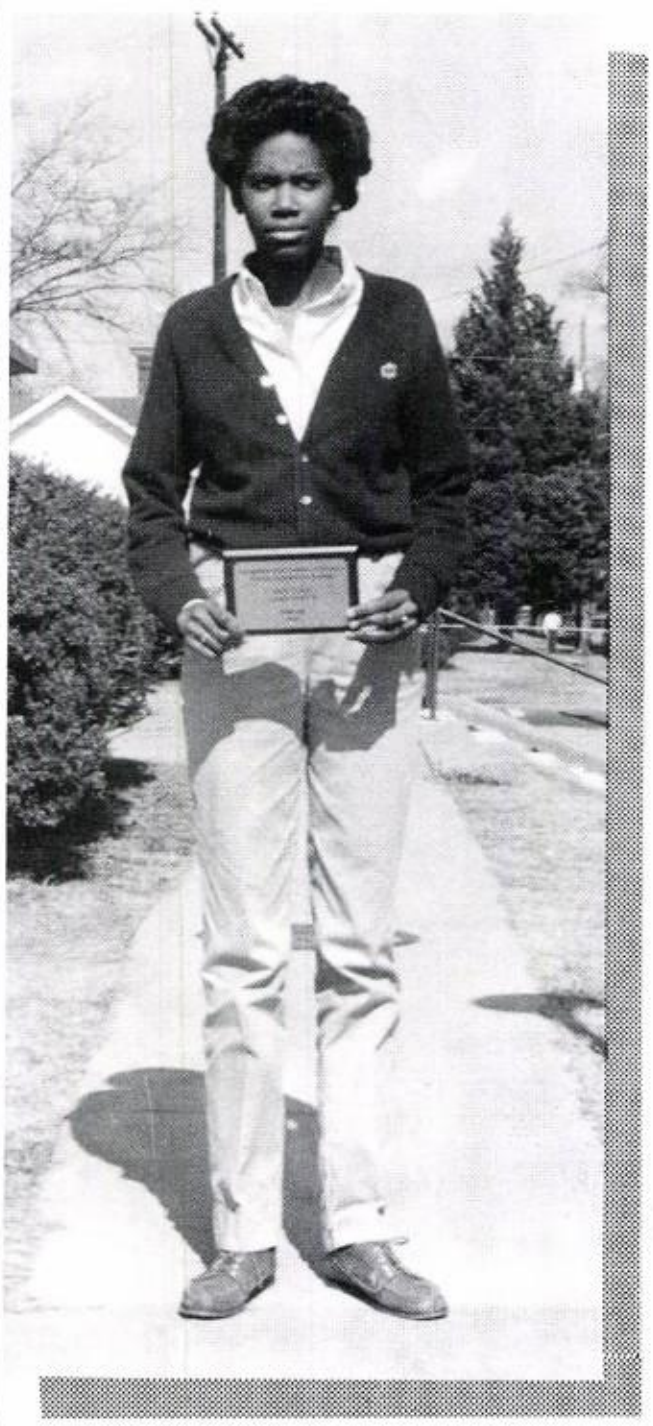
"Being in FHA/HERO has helped me to develop leadership and fellowship skills. I enjoy all of the challenges and learning activities that FHA/HERO offers," FHA correspondence secretary Mabel Hedgepeth said.

Future Business Leaders of America is a national organization. FBLA's goals were to get students to be aggressive in business leadership, to strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work, to create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise, to encourage members in the development of individual projects which contribute to the improvement of home, business and community, to develop character prepare for useful citizenship, and to foster patriotism and to facilitate the transition from school to work.

The members participated in a candy sale for their fund raiser. The money raised was used for registration fees for district and state meetings, travel to meetings, local chapter social activities, teacher appreciation favors, culminating activity (banquet), delegates' expenses to conventions and FBLA supplies and materials.

The FBLA members also participated in many activities. They gave two needy families a basket of food for Thanksgiving. They were able to become members of the Chamber of Commerce. They also participated in an adopt-a-senior citizen as a "chapter grandmother and grandfather" and a Type-A-Thon for the March of Dimes. The members also represented Senior High in competitive events.

Lynn Hastings



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The members of FBLA are: FRONT ROW: Mrs. Bessie Tyson, Thomas Bynum, Gardenia Bulluck, and Fontella Hart. **SECOND ROW:** Ron Hamm, Tanya Bell, and Rhonda Richardson. **TOP ROW:** Annette Batts, Sam Watts, Lisa Bulluck, and Jeff Bulluck.

The members of FHA/HERO are: FRONT ROW: Centeria Whitaker, Kim Hines, Tanya Weaver, Jeff Moore, and Mable Hedgepeth. **SECOND ROW:** Cynthia Walker, Charles Williams, Tina Moore, and Monica Puddy. **THIRD ROW:** Tammy Bynum, Theresa Ash, Iris Farmer, Reggie Jones, Lilly Petaway, Nichelle Battle, Stan Ezzell, and Johnny Johnson. **FOURTH ROW:** Eva Harris, Pacqua McClain, Gwen Cooper, Christy Walker, Nacretia Hayes, Angela Segres, and Donald Dunlap. **FIFTH ROW:** Lorreta Joyner, Lisa Battle, Ronald Johnson, Calvin Edmondson, Lorenzo Lodge, Marcia Coleman, Lamar McQueen, and Earl Williams.

Hicks/Parks

"Success is only a fingertip away!" exclaims Lisa Bulluck after winning first place in the FBLA typing contest.

Phalanx helps the Community

"We work together to benefit our community as well as ourselves."

"I really enjoy the Phalanx Club because it gives me a chance to help with school activities and to serve the community," sophomore Shannon Arrowood said.

Phalanx was a club for those students who wanted to become further involved with serving the community and school activities. Phalanx members planned Homecoming. With meetings after school, excellent committee work, and the help of club adviser Mr. Tucker, Homecoming was a success. The members helped in every way possible from counting votes, obtaining corsages and roses for the queens, and finding cars for the half-time presentation at the football game, to the ceremony at the pep rally.

New members were inducted into the club and were required to dress as the old members directed them to for an initation.

"Dressing up was fun although I really felt dumb at times. What was really fun was seeing the way people looked at me in the halls," sophomore Jay Jolly said.

Phalanx members helped the community by lending their time to help with Special Olympics were held at the South Rocky Mount Community Center.

"I hope working with the Special Olympics becomes a yearly project for the club because not only are we helping the community, but we are giving some not so fortunate children and young adults a chance to have some fun," senior Pam Sewell said.

"I feel the Phalanx Club has been an asset to my high school career because we work together as a group to benefit our community as well as ourselves," concluded junior Kim Bunn.

Lea Daughtridge

Hicks/Parks

Phalanx members are: FRONT ROW: Marti Mucci, Mac McAuley, Shannon Gallagher. **SECOND ROW:** Antonio Fox, Roney Harris, Richard Verrone, Sam Etheridge, Kevin Smith, Debby Dixon. **THIRD ROW:** Don Raper, Pam Sewell, Matthew Westcott, Patricia Pridgen, Mark Schiewe, Holly Daniel. **FOURTH ROW:** Cissie Eagles, Shawn Joyce, Sally Thorpe, Polly Winstead, Fran Worsley, Stephanie Overton, Scott Woodcock, Julia Cherry, Tonya Weaver, Lea Daughtridge, Sally Edmondson, John Coley, Scott Tulloss. **FIFTH ROW:** Kathryn Fisher, Amy Winstead, Angela Franklin. **SIXTH ROW:** Joe Fish, Tonia Grooms, Trish Nicholson, Jake Parrott, Kimberly Builuck, Sandy Roberson, Alex Hammond, Alicia Johnson, Rebecca Garrison, Cecily Watson, Harrison Tulloss, Kim Bunn.

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Members of the art club are: Katie Monahan, Robin Micheals, Mini Marquez, Aubrey Holloman,

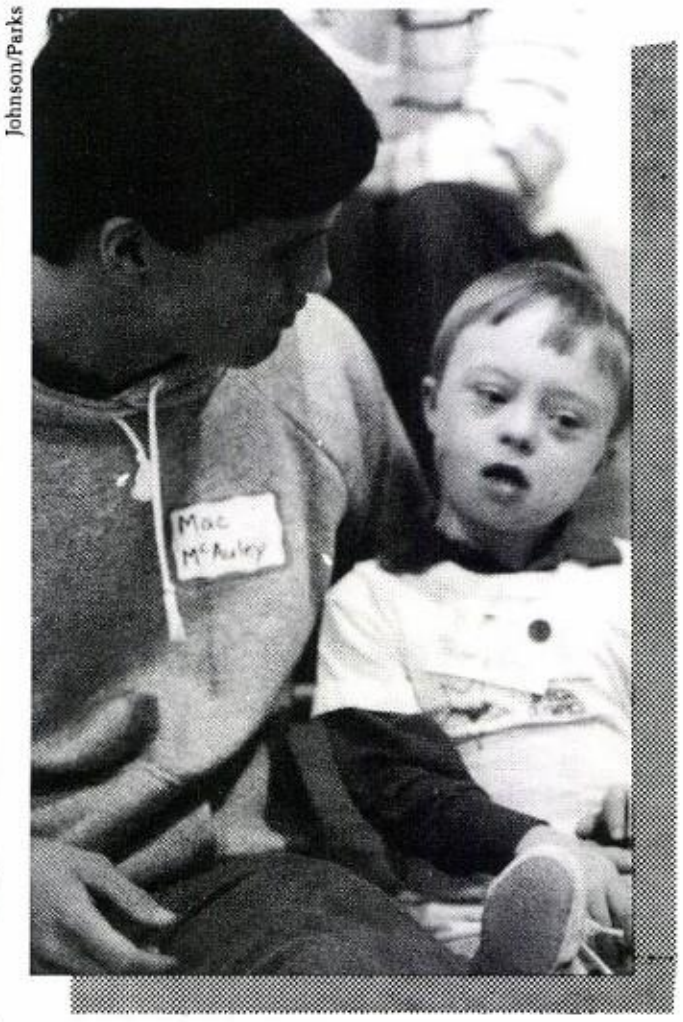
Johnson/Parks

From a fat Porky Pig to a dainty Tinker Bell, new Phalanx members prepare themselves for a day full of stares and laughs.

Batchelor/Parks

Showing her artistic ability, senior Lisa Baker works on an assignment for the Art Club.

Listening attentively, senior Mac McAuley gets Special Olympic participant, B.J. Thompson to tell him about himself and how he feels about the games.



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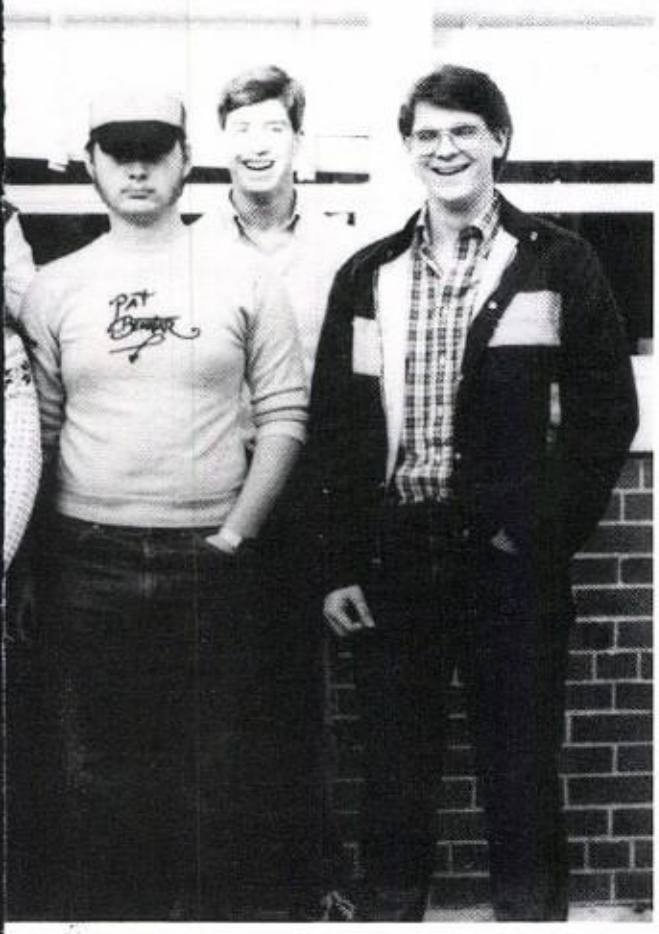
Art club uses style



David Hughes, Chris Spain, Micheal Kanai, Jim Horton, and Tracy Glover.

"To be unrestrained and allowed to do whatever you want is the greatest dream an artist can have."

Art club was a school organization designed to give its members projects to think through and complete during the off-school hours and also to help out with school related functions. By combining their ideas, the Art club members created pieces of work that would be around for future students to view and enjoy such as the giant mural of Rocky Mount during the 1950's, and various individual paintings on the art room walls.

"It gives you a sense of working for a greater good, knowing that you are helping to bring a little color to the normally drab surroundings of the school," senior Michael Kanai said.

Members of the Art club were given a chance to express their own artistic abilities without receiving a grade for their work.

"I love it, it gives me the freedom to put what I feel is right into a project. To be unrestrained and allowed to do whatever you want is the greatest dream an artist can have," senior William Holloman said.

Each semester brought about a change in subject matter. Members devoted the first half of the year to individual paintings, and the second half to a joint effort in designing silk screens for shirts for the various other clubs around campus. Creative input by the Art club members was also used in formulating ideas for social events and functions that the student body participated in. Field trips to Washington, D.C. were part of the educational phase designed to teach the members the importance of modern art and art history.

"It's a great feeling to be a part of an organization that enables you to think fast, and to solve the problems of design," junior Jerome Pittman concluded.

Jim Horton

Building a career

"Dreams of today are realities of tomorrow."

The Rocky Mount Senior High chapter of Health Occupations Students of America worked to define its purpose by developing volunteer programs that extended into the community.

Throughout the year, each of the members of HOSA worked on special projects to help locally and nationally.

"Our national project is to work with the Kidney Foundation, and locally we assist the Red Cross. In the past years we have worked for diabetes, epilepsy, and muscular distrophy. We try to sponsor one major service group for two years; that way we can really help them," adviser Margie Brantley said.

HOSA held its meetings the last Thursday of each month, following parliamentary procedure. They nominated officers for each of the classes by self-nomination; then each candidate went through a screening process.

On November 5, some of the members of HOSA went to a leadership workshop at Vanceboro Community College in Henderson, North Carolina. There were speakers, demonstrations, and a sharing time to get to know each other.

"HOSA is a great club to be involved in. It gives me a chance to work with different people and to exchange ideas. It also helps me learn more about nursing, my future occupation," senior Betty Barfield said.

"This year our theme is 'Dreams of today are realities of tomorrow.' We all have dreams, and working with HOSA helps us achieve them," senior Rhonda O'Berry said.

"In Health Occupations we learn the basics of health and the fundamental procedures needed to care for patients in hospitals and other medical institutions. Taking Health Occupations will help me now and in the future with my medical career," senior Reggell Pryor said.

Debby Dixon

Learning to save lives is one technique taught in Health Occupations. Seniors Lori Overton and Amy Croom practice reviving a patient.

Hicks/Parks

Working together, Rhonda O'Berry and Lori Overton practice making up a bed.

Brantley

HOSA volunteers help with many service projects in the community.

Hicks/Parks

Rhonda O'Berry contemplates this year's theme for HOSA.

HOSA members are: FRONT ROW: Cheryl Gardner, Rhonda O'Berry, Lori Overton, and Rhonda Fields. **SECOND ROW:** Amy Croom and Mrs. Margie Brantley. **TOP ROW:** Teresa Thompson, Denise Long, Daphene Davis, Sandra Batts, Shoane Winstead, Chavalisia Jones, and Kim Eisenman.

Running things smoothly

We stick together through thick and thin.

Who would get up from a warm bed at 6:30 a.m. to go to work? A Rocky Mount Senior High bus driver.

The drivers provided safe transportation for students to and from school; consequently, they had to be alert at all times because they had individuals' lives in their hands. The drivers had to go through a series of classroom and behind-the-wheel training before they could be certified a license by the supervisor, Mr. Melvin Riddick.

"Mr. Riddick is new at this job and must get familiar with it. I think he is doing a great job so far," senior Ollie Williams said.

These students drove approximately 32,400 miles in the 1984-1985 school year; and they spent 3,240 hours behind the wheel earning a salary of $4.17 for an hour for full time services to the school.

If a bus driver received any moving violations, his certified driving license would be taken away and he would not be permitted to drive for the school system.

"We have had two minor bus accidents this year, but luckily no one was hurt and the drivers were not charged," supervisor Melvin Riddick said.

Patience and responsibility were the key words used when referred to these people, yet chaos and confusion were often used, too.

"One morning when I was on my way to school, my bus ran out of gas, and I had to walk to school," senior Charles Williams said.

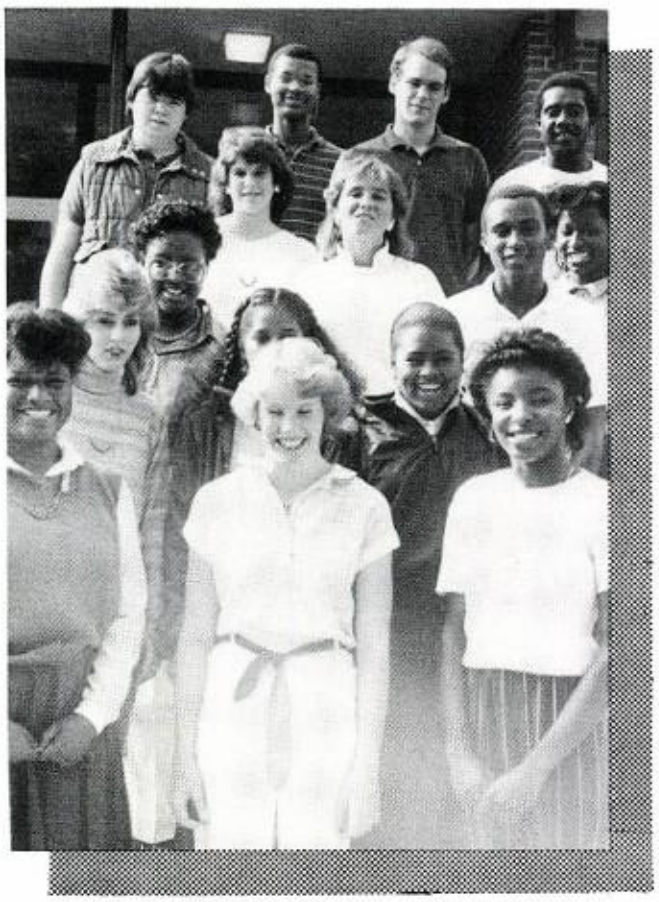
The assistants also helped the school more efficiently. The office was an important position in the school. They typed the absentee bulletins, answered phones, filed, and checked students in and out of school.

"Being an office assistant gives me the opportunity to show others how responsible I am," senior Dawn Turnley said.

Rocky Mount Senior High also had various other assistants such as: guidance aides, nurses' aides, library aides, assistant principals' aides, and teachers' aides. These special students helped to run the school more smoothly.

"Being a library assistant is a really fun way to get to know your fellow classmates," senior Jennifer Churchwell said.

Lee Wimberley



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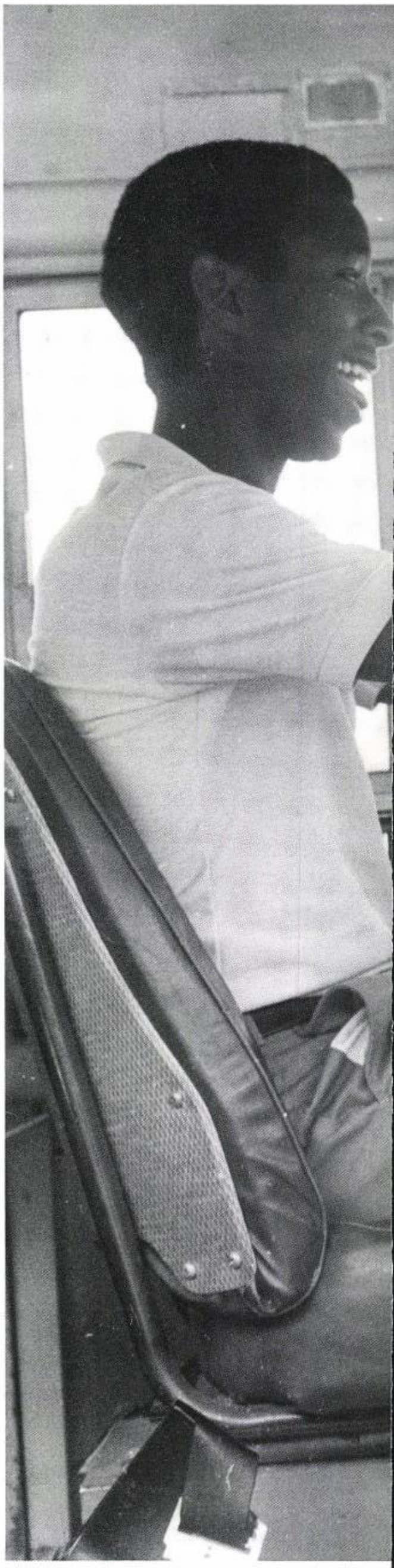
The assistants are: **FRONT ROW:** Vanessa Trevathan, Dawn Snowdon, and Shelia Farmer. **SECOND ROW:** Sonia Bailey, Cassandra Moore, Allison Battle, and Jo Ann Adams. **THIRD ROW:** Michelle Watkins, Shawn Kilpatrick, Tim Battle, and Valerie Lawerence. **FOURTH ROW:** Donald Barnes, David Cherry, Marvin Wood, and Leroy Scott.



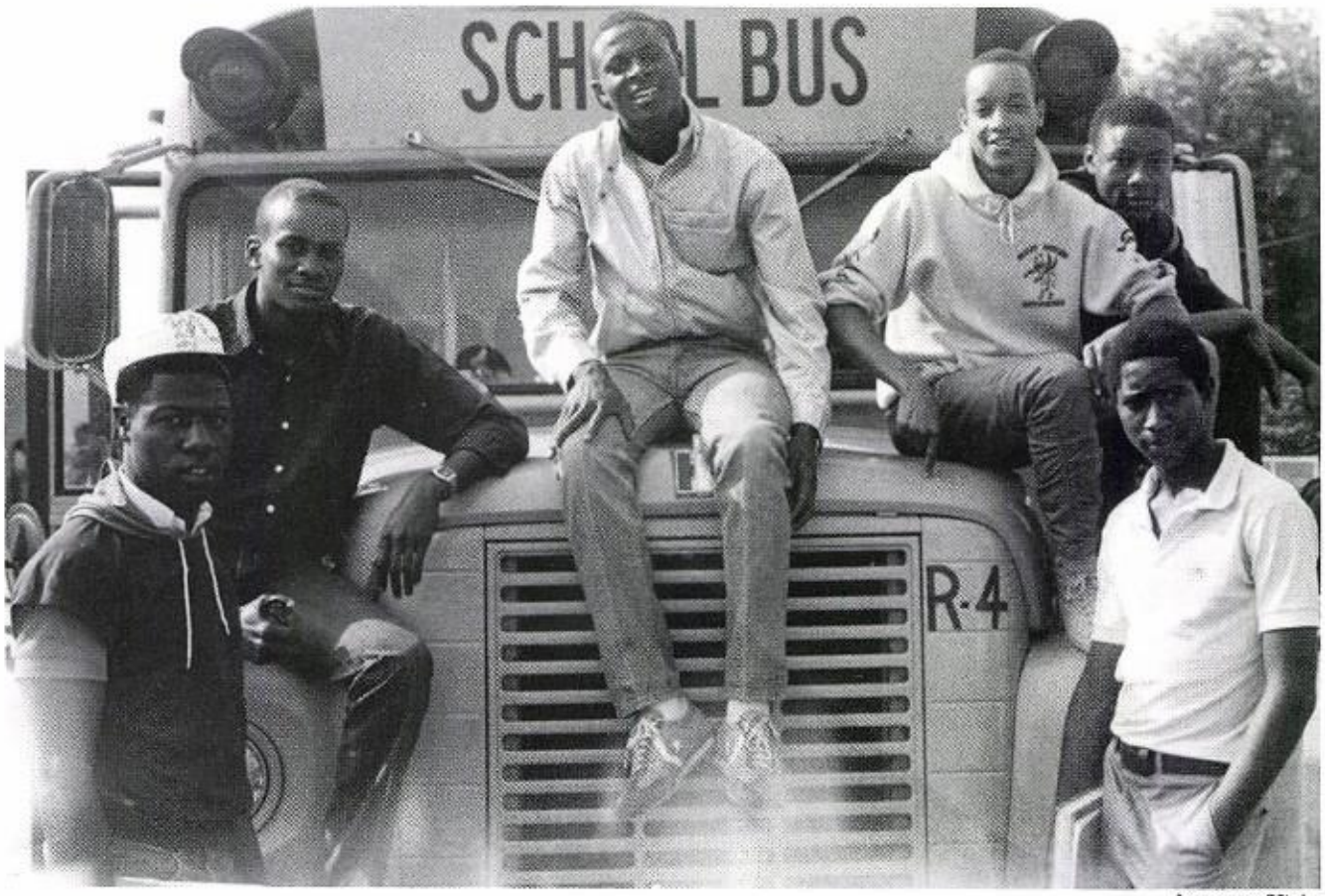
Lancaster/Hicks

Sitting behind the wheel of his bus, junior Rodney Hamm prepares for his busy route schedule.

Johnson/Hicks

Working behind the circulation desk in the library, junior Terry Parker files away the students' library cards.

The bus drivers are Donald Winstead, Ollie Williams, James Whitaker, Thomas Bynum, Billy Holmes, and Rodney Hamm.



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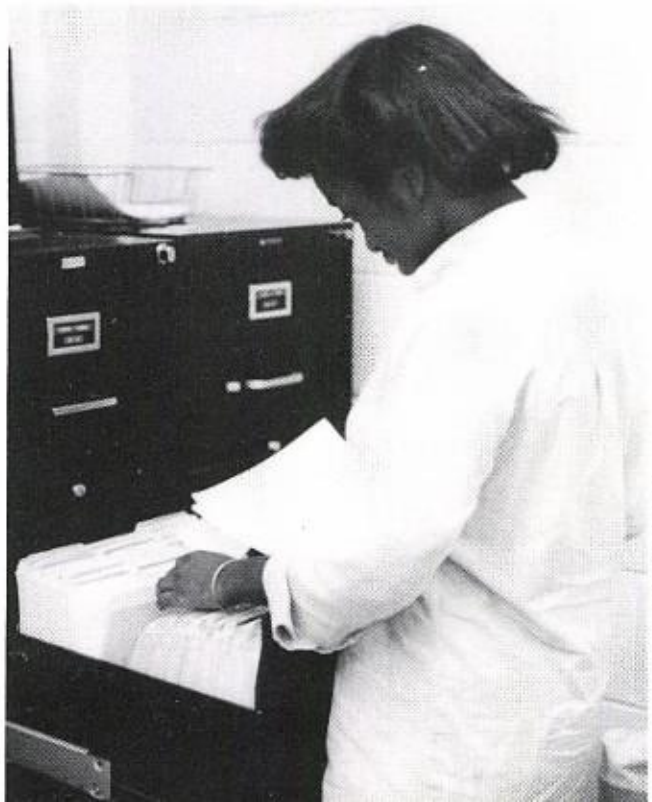

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Hard at work for Mr. Riddick, senior Mavis Harris files away important information on the students.

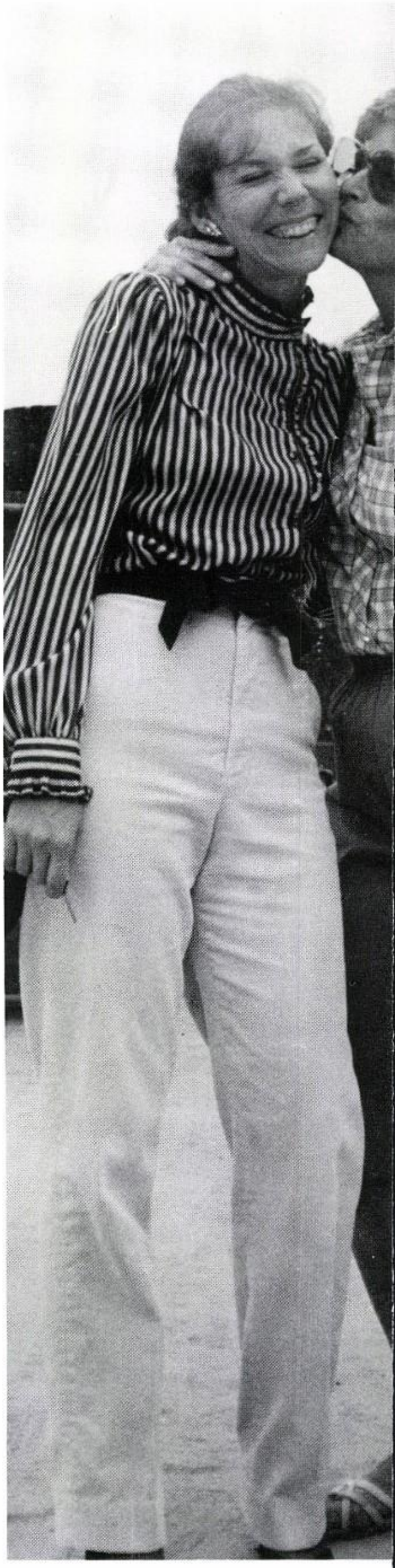
Taking time to clown around are Good Sports advisers, Mrs. Tammy Wallace and Mrs. Jane Parvin.

Distributing corsages for Homecoming are Mrs. Tammy Wallace and senior Sakethia Wiggins.

Williams/Parks

Members of the Goods Sports Club are: **FRONT ROW:** Mrs. Tammy Wallace, adviser; Sheri Bridges, Sakethia Wiggins, Laurinette Grant, Ron Hamm, Willet Roundtree, Tonya Hines, Sonia Merritt, and Mrs. Jane Parvin, adviser. **SECOND ROW:** Treva Davis, Kimberly Bulluck, Laura Haste, Cathy Alhusen, Tammy Sutton, Michelle Gupton, Carol Scarboro, Ann Chowning, Jennifer Gregg, Rita Tucker, Cassandra Cherry, and Sue Ellen Crocker. **THIRD ROW:** Marti Mucci, Rainey Astin, Cindy Williams, Tonia Grooms, Lisa Cooper, Virginia Iler, Martha Fountain, Kim Eisenman, Caroline Teater. **FOURTH ROW:** Lea Daughtridge, Debby Dixon, Lee Wimberley. **TOP ROW:** Shannon Hamrick, Sam Etheridge, Lynn Hastings.

Parks



Williams/Parks

"We've got spirit . . . Yes we do"

"We've got spirit; yes, we do. We've got spirit; how about you?"

"School spirit and devotion are two qualities that the Good Sports Club definitely did not lack. We began the year selling buttons that proclaimed Class of '85, '86, and '87. The senior button was by far larger and more noticeable, showing the superiority of the senior class," senior Virginia Iler said.

Led by advisers Jane Parvin and Tammy Parker the club began their annual sales of ribbons before each game. The ribbons sported such slogans as "VIOLATE THE VIKINGS" and "SMASH NORTHERN NASH!" On several afternoons each week Mrs. Parvin and Mrs. Parker could be found planning meetings, thinking of slogans for ribbons, or unloading boxes of pom-pons.

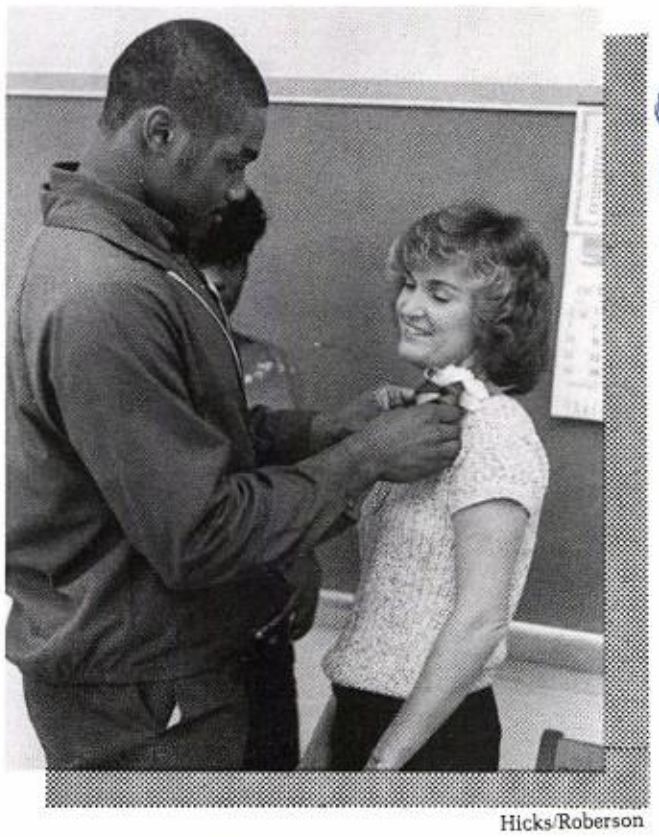
"Mrs. Parvin and Mrs. Parker have spent endless hours working for Good Sports. They helped us in every way possible, and they made our club complete. We couldn't have done it without them," senior Cindy Williams said.

During Homecoming week, the Good Sports Club carried out their traditional corsage sales, selling more than 300 corsages.

The money that was made throughout the year helped pay for the expenses of the annual athletic picnic, given in honor of all athletes, coaches, and advisers.

"Good Sports has meant a lot to me the past two years. It's helped me support our school by boosting school spirit and has given me a sense of participation in the great athletic program here at RMSH. If you can't be an athlete, be an athletic supporter," senior Martha Fountain said.

Debby Dixon



Hicks/Roberson

Good Sports Club member Greg Joyner finds that pinning a corsage on Mrs. Debbie Webb can be a sticky job.

Courtesy

Coach Tim Tucker enjoys sharing his dinner with a friend at the athletic banquet sponsored by the Good Sports Club.

Brentley,
I've enjoyed getting to know you the past two years. I hope they were good ones for you. You have a lot of good things going for you - please use them wisely. I wish you the best of Luck at Baylor next year - please keep in touch. Send me your address so I can write. If you ever need anything from here - Please let me know. I hope you have a great summer & Take Care. Hope to see you at F.B.C. this summer Best Wishes Tommy Tucker

(Tommy Tucker)

JETS — Flying high

We go beyond what we learn in the classroom.

"JETS is a very rewarding and interesting club. I have really enjoyed being a part of such a special program," senior Linda Hobbs said.

Junior Engineering Technological Society was a club for students who were interested in engineering or related fields. The members of the club met every other Tuesday with their adviser, Mrs. Diane Dixon.

The club members were all required to help with their annual fund raiser, collecting aluminum cans. The money raised helped pay for the activities they participated in during the year. One of the activities was a trip to the University of North Carolina State open house. Another was a trip to visit Abbott Laboratories.

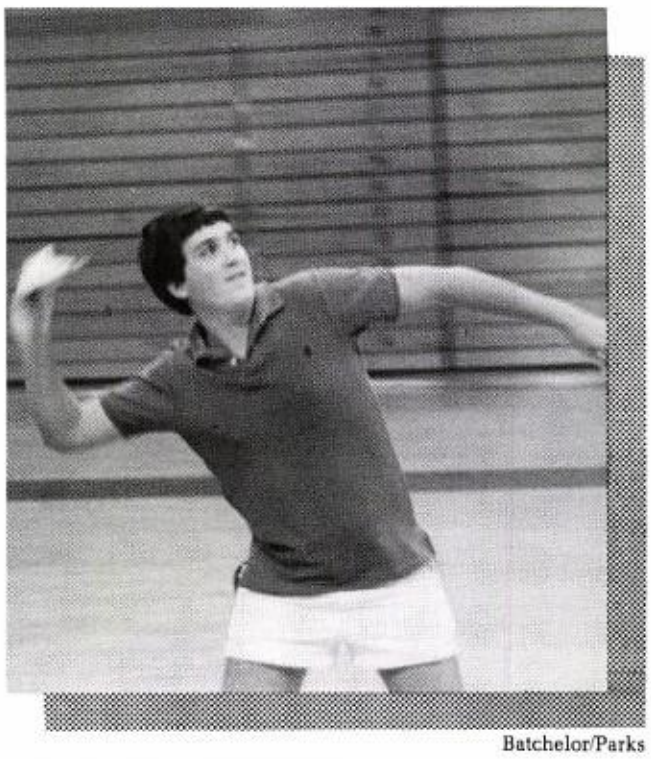
In addition to their trips, the members sponsored many contests that were related to the engineering field. Among these contests were a paper airplane contest, a mouse trap contest, and a paper tower contest. The club had Phillip Dale come and speak to them at one of their meetings.

The club also put together a JET's quiz bowl for the first time this year.

"It's a club that you can have fun in but also learn a great deal about ordinary things," senior Brent Hoggard said.

Lynn Hastings

Reaping the rewards of collecting aluminum cans, seniors Bert Irvin and Darrell Leonard and sophomore David Tucker turn in their share. The fund raiser was very successful. **Concentration is the key,** as junior Jesse Daughtridge lines up for a long flight at the JETS paper airplane contest.



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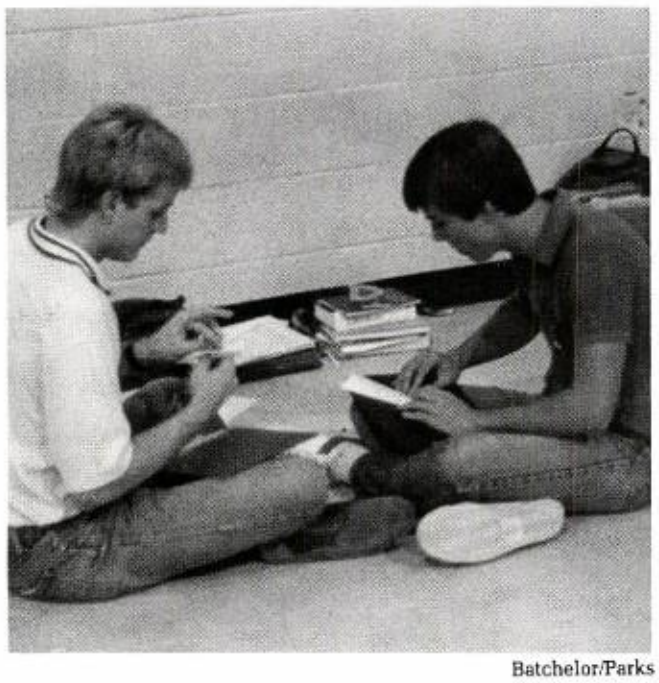

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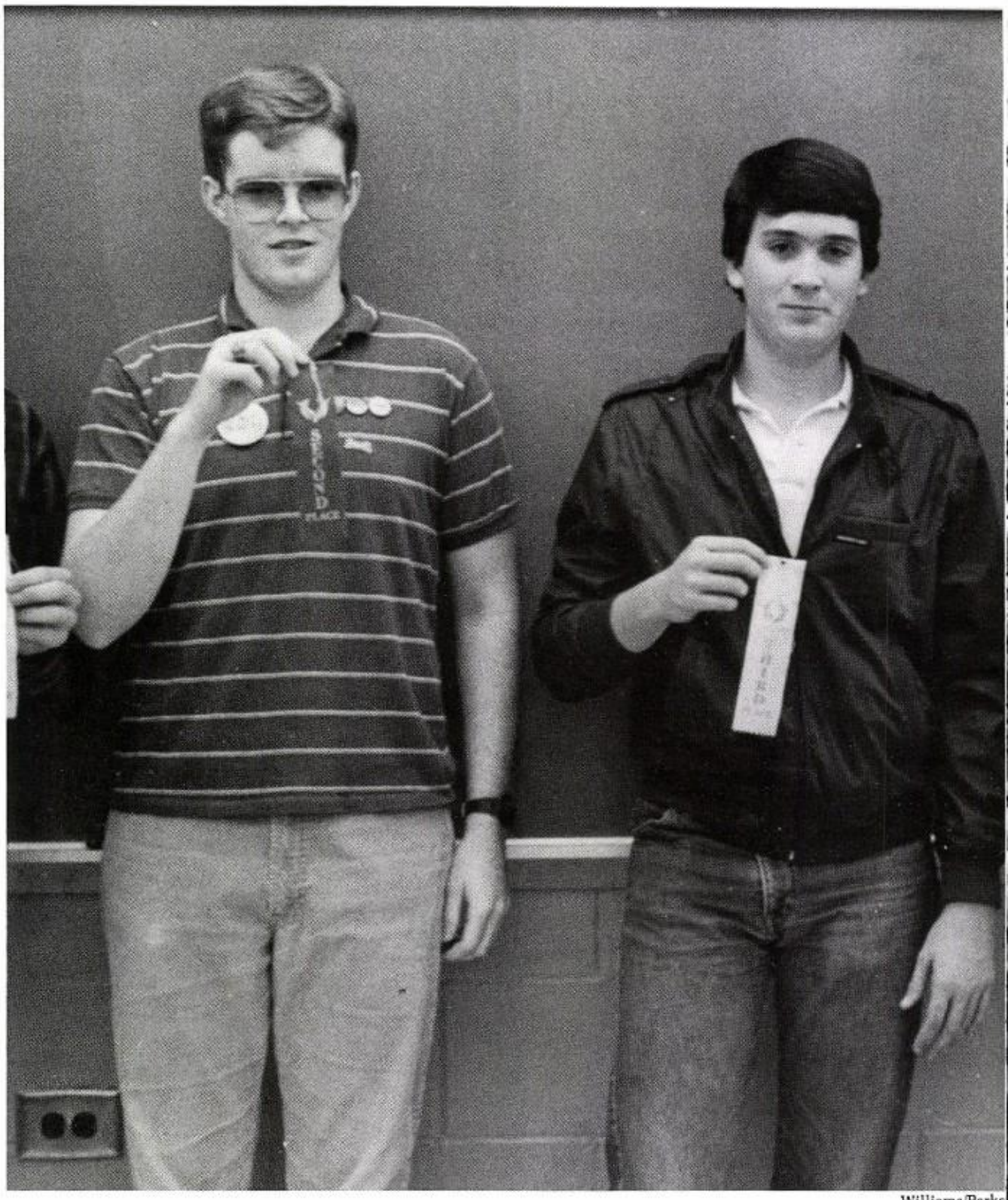
Putting their calculations into practice, seniors Brent Hoggard and Brooks Jones show a practical use of their strong calculus background.

Long hours of calculations and practice paid off for Carter Edgeworth and Jesse Daughtridge in the JETS paper airplane contest.



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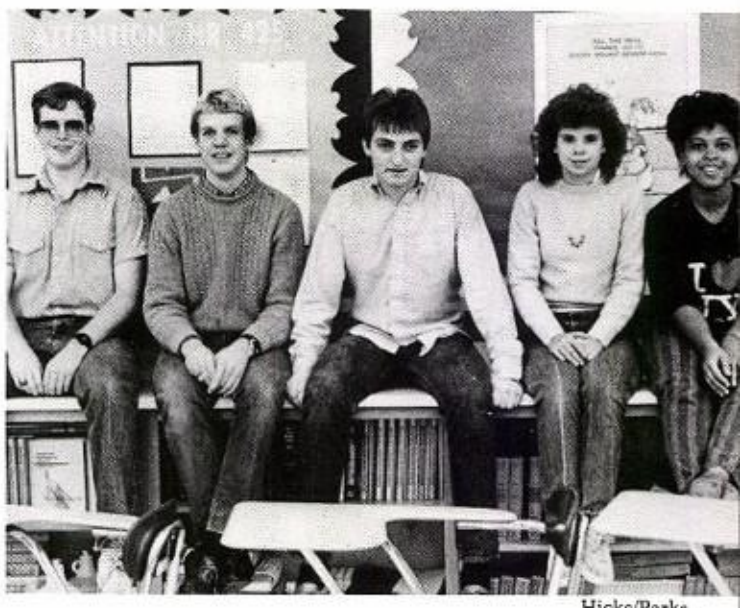

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JETS club officers are: Carter Edgeworth, Brent Hoggard, Danny Carmody, Linda Hobbs, and Rita Tucker.

JETS club members are: FRONT ROW: West Riddick, Rita Tucker, and John Tharin. **SECOND ROW:** Linda Hobbs, Bill Dunn, David Tucker, Brooks Jones, Darryl Leonard, Dafeny Dunn, and Dean Hobbs. **TOP ROW:** Stan Hardesty, Carmen Coley, Danny Carmody, Mona Powell, Brent Hoggard, Jesse Daughtridge, Tommy Bennett, Jeff Carter, Donny Bobbitt, and Wesley Fulk.

This is The Life of a Family

We do everything that brothers and sisters do . . . and then some

"Keep your ladders with you at all times!"

"I've got everything I need but my head!"

"You can bleed, but don't bleed in color!"

As many students passed by Room 106, they could hear these and other strange expressions coming from the **Hi-Noc-Ar** staff.

Although many of these students did not understand what they were hearing the staff learned what each of these terms means the hard way!

Selling ads . . . interviewing . . . writing copy . . . scheduling pictures . . . drawing layouts . . . meeting deadlines . . . , combined with determination and effort by twenty-one people, accounted for this year's **Hi-Noc-Ar.**

The word **Hi-Noc-Ar** stands for high school of North Carolina, which was one of the first published yearbooks in North Carolina.

The **Hi-Noc-Ar** staff thrived on the challenges they encountered in the year.

"Being on the staff is a lot of fun, but you have to be ready to work at all times," senior Cindy Wise said.

Not only did members master the technicalities of yearbook journalism, but they also expanded their creativity and imagination. All of this is achieved under the leadership of the adviser, Mrs. Debra Kincheloe, who instilled in the staff that industriousness and ingenuity result in success.

"People do not realize how much time and hard work goes into building a yearbook," editor Sandy Roberson said.

"The work that goes into a yearbook seems to be never ending, but the relief of finishing a spread and knowing you did it is worth the effort. The members of the staff are willing to help each other, and work together on completing the same goal," senior Cecily Watson said.

"We are like one big family!", senior Alicia Johnson said.

Quill and Scroll is a national organization whose members have shown superior work in journalism and rank academically in the top one third of their class.

"For the hard work I have done on the **Gryphon,** I was rewarded by being chosen for the Quill and Scroll," senior Elizabeth Cooper said.

Quill and Scroll members hosted a banquet in the spring to induct new members into the Quill and Scroll and to introduce new members to both staffs.

Lee Wimberley

Hi-Noc-Ar Staff

Adviser. . . . . .Debra Kincheloe
Editor-in-Chief . . . . . .Sandy Roberson
Managing Editor . . . . .Lou Ann Oakley
Copy Editor. . . . . Alicia Johnson
Chief Photographer. . . . . Ken Hicks
Photo Editor . . . . . Ricky Parks
Layout Editor . . . . . Holley Daniel
Sports Editor . . . . . .Carmen Coley
Academics Editor . . . Melinda Everette
Organization Editor . . . Lee Wimberley
Individuals Editor. . . . . Cindy Wise
Student Life Editor . . . . .Cecily Watson
Business Manager . . . .Melissa Gardner
Advertising Manager . . . . . Larry Lancaster
Index and Coverage Editor . . . . . .Lea Daughtridge
Circulation Managers. . . . .Lynn Hastings, Debby Dixon
Art Editor . . . . . .Jim Horton
Photographers . . . . . Melody Williams, Brad Batchelor, Michael Walker, Larry Lancaster, Alicia Johnson

"These two people look just alike," wonders senior Cindy Wise as she compares underclass pictures. We do have a number of twins in school this school year, she finds as she works on underclass identifications.

Williams/Parks

Williams/Parks

Typefitting, copy writing, minute measurement, picture evaluation. "Will this book ever be finished?" wonder staff members Holley Daniel, Debby Dixon, and Alicia Johnson as they work to beat the December deadline in time to go home for Christmas vacation.

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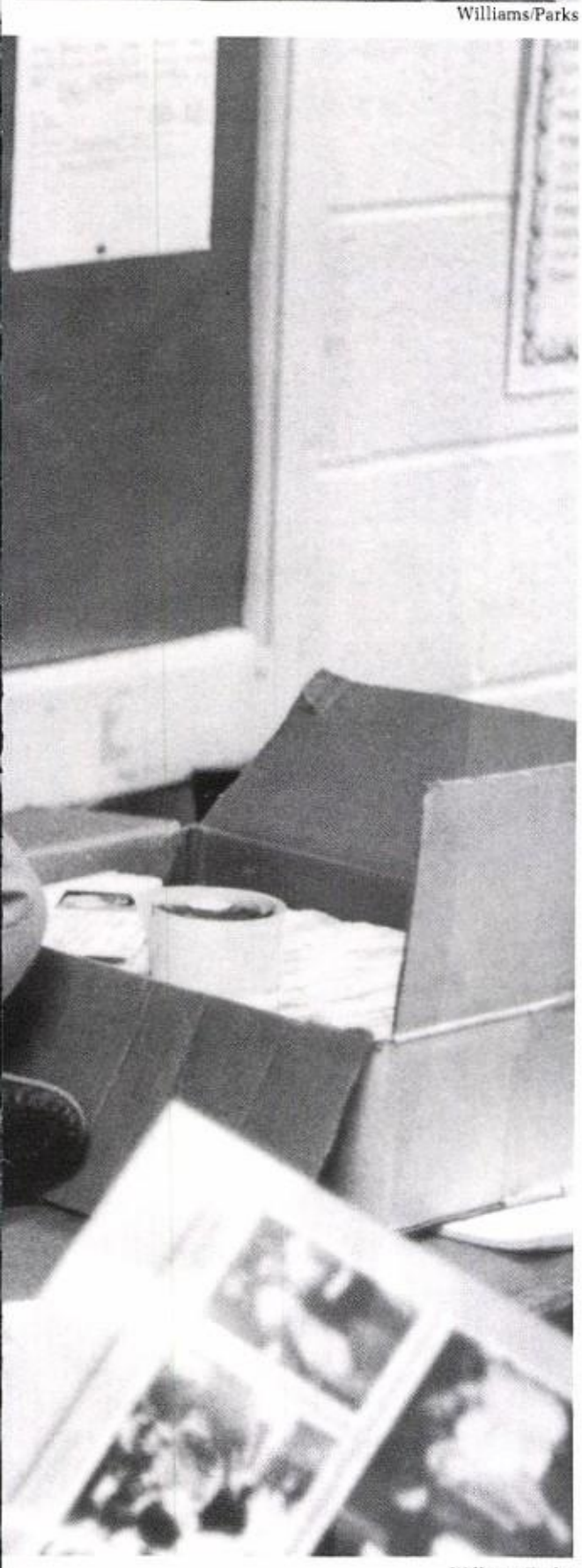

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Members of the Hi-Noc-Ar staff are: Ken Hicks, Larry Lancaster, Kimberly Bulluck, Holley Daniel, Debby Dixon, Melinda Everette, Melody Williams, Lee Wimberley, Shannon Gallagher, Sandy Roberson, Lou Ann Oakley, Cindy Wise, Cecily Watson, Ricky Parks, Carmen Coley, Michael Walker, Lynn Hastings, Alicia Johnson, Brad Batchelor, Jim Horton.

Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for journalism, consisted of the following members: West Riddick, Sandy Roberson, Jake Parrott, Rainey Astin, and Elizabeth Cooper.

Hicks/Hicks

Editor ..... Jake Parrott
Managing Editor ..... Elizabeth Cooper
Sports Editor ..... Ernest Suggs
Entertainment Editor ..... Richard Verrone
Copy Editor ..... Bill Dunn
Business Manager ..... West Riddick
Advertising Manager ..... Rainey Astin
Circulation Manager ..... Rita Tucker
Chief Photographer ..... West Riddick
Staff writers ..... Marilyn Avent
Harrell Chesson
Paul Eilers
Sam Etheridge
Ivo Gomes
Alex Hammond
Greg Pierce
Shawn Stover
Adviser ..... Rosa Leonard

Roberson/Hicks

Pressures . . . junior Rita Tucker sees the many pressures found on a publication staff as she completes her last minute corrections.

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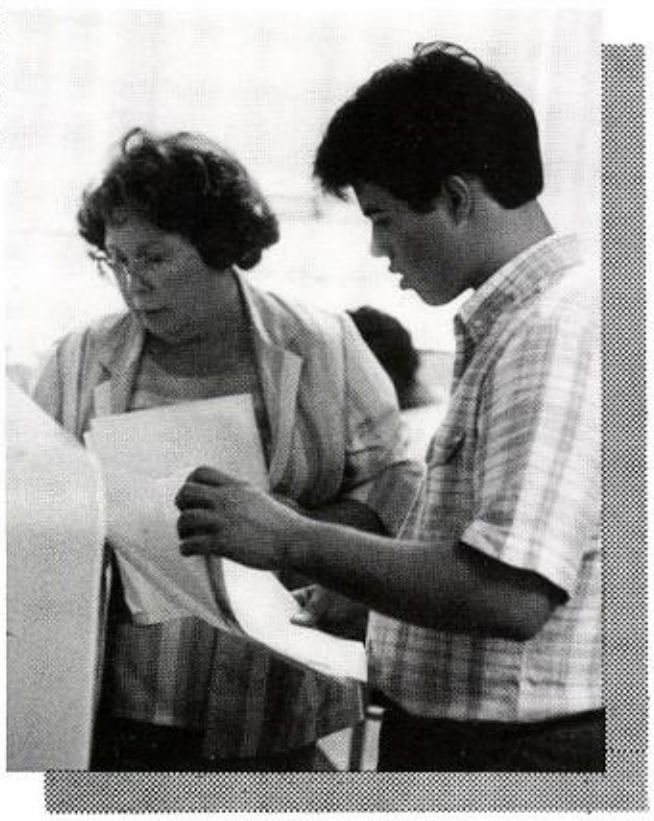
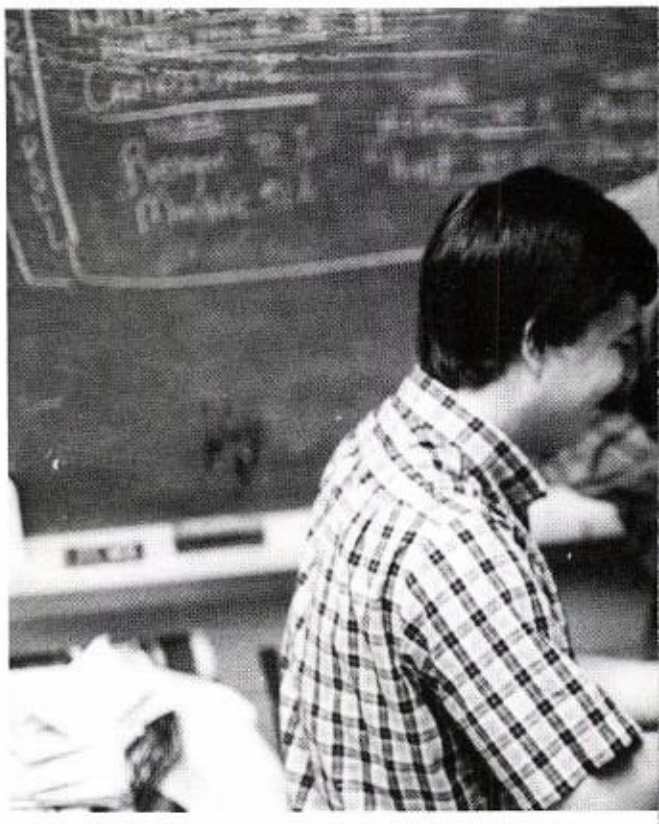
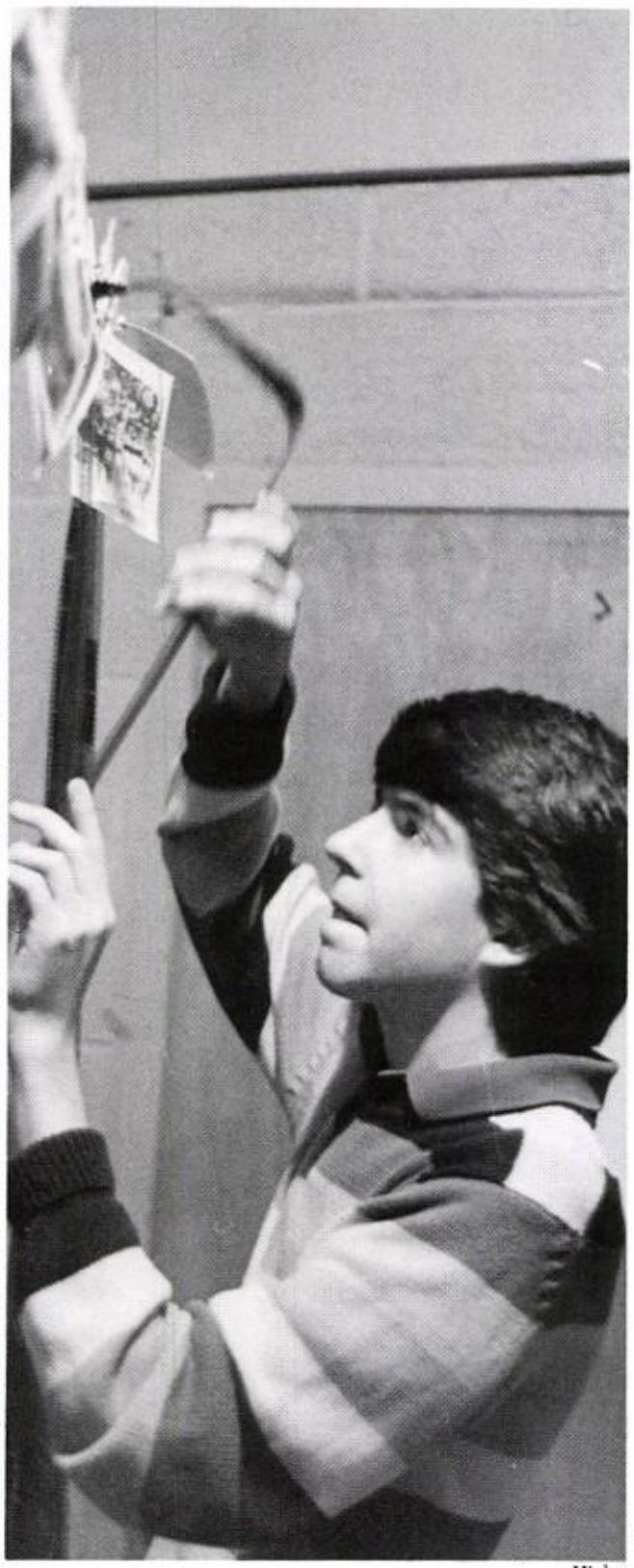




Just like the "Times," editor Jake Parrott confers with Mrs. Rosa Leonard about the next week's deadline.

Collaborating on a tough assignment, juniors Harrell Chesson and Alexander Hammond find that two can do it better than one.

Supervising the Gryphon's photographers, senior West Riddick checks on a photographer's process.



Hicks

Keeping up with the 'Times'

"Gryphon is no crip course. It takes a lot of hours, super dedication and unbelievable patience to put together a paper"

Meet that deadline ... retype it ... use four picas ... use two margins ... do not reverse negatives ... sell ads ... take a picture ... clean up ... be on time ... do not waste film ... do not waste carbon paper ... drive to Nashville ... hurry ... do not be careless ... help her ... help him ... do your own work ... deadlines ... remember deadlines ...!

Do these words have any meaning? Editors and adviser drilled them into each member of the **Gryphon** staff as he worked in publishing eleven editions.

"**Gryphon** is no crip course. It takes a lot of hours, super dedication and unbelievable patience to put together a paper," said advertising manager Rainey Astin.

The staff this year consisted of twice as many new members as second-year members.

"I'm very lucky. My staff members are intelligent, reliable, and are learning with me," said adviser Rosa Leonard.

"I enjoy working on the newspaper staff. The more responsible staff members have many freedoms around the school and lots of fun. The newspaper isn't appreciated by the students like the yearbook, but I take pride in putting out this publication," senior West Riddick said.

"Being on the staff has been a knowledgeable and very rewarding experience," editor Jake Parrott said.

"The paper depends on everybody's doing his part," said managing editor Elizabeth Cooper.

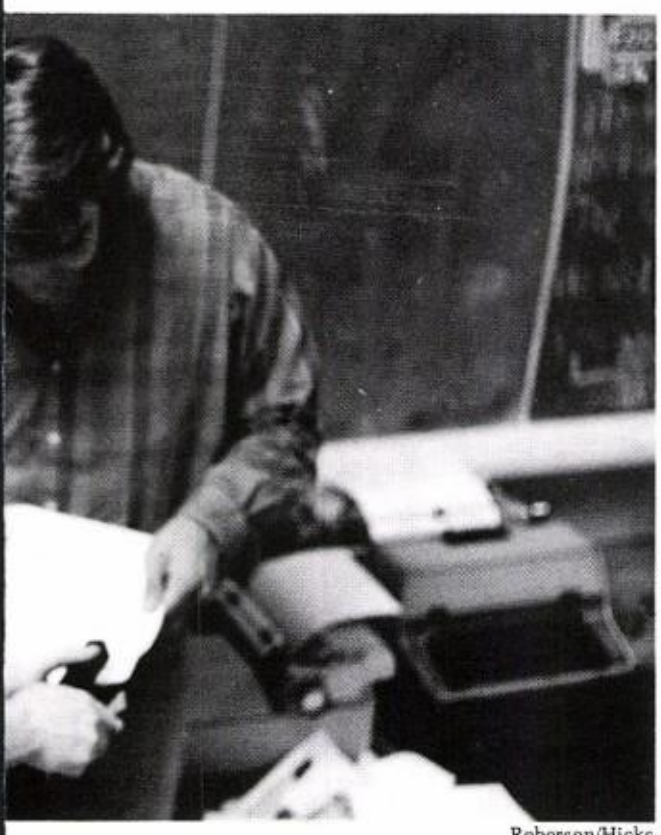
The staff consisted of photographers, writers, organizers, and artists. The paper could not be published without the cooperation of everyone completing his job to the best of his ability, whether it be in writing or creating a layout.

"Most people think writing is the most important quality, but creative layouts are just as important because a layout is what first catches a reader's eye," said Elizabeth Cooper.

The **Gryphon** won All Southern at the SIPA Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina last March. All Southern is the highest award given to a high school publication.

"Sometimes it doesn't seem worth it; all the last minute problems, the layouts that just don't fit, and the tempers that always seem to break when the going really gets tough, but when the paper finally comes out, that feeling of pride rising out of the pit of your stomach gives you an overall glowing and makes it all worth it and more," senior Rainey Astin said.

Alicia Johnson



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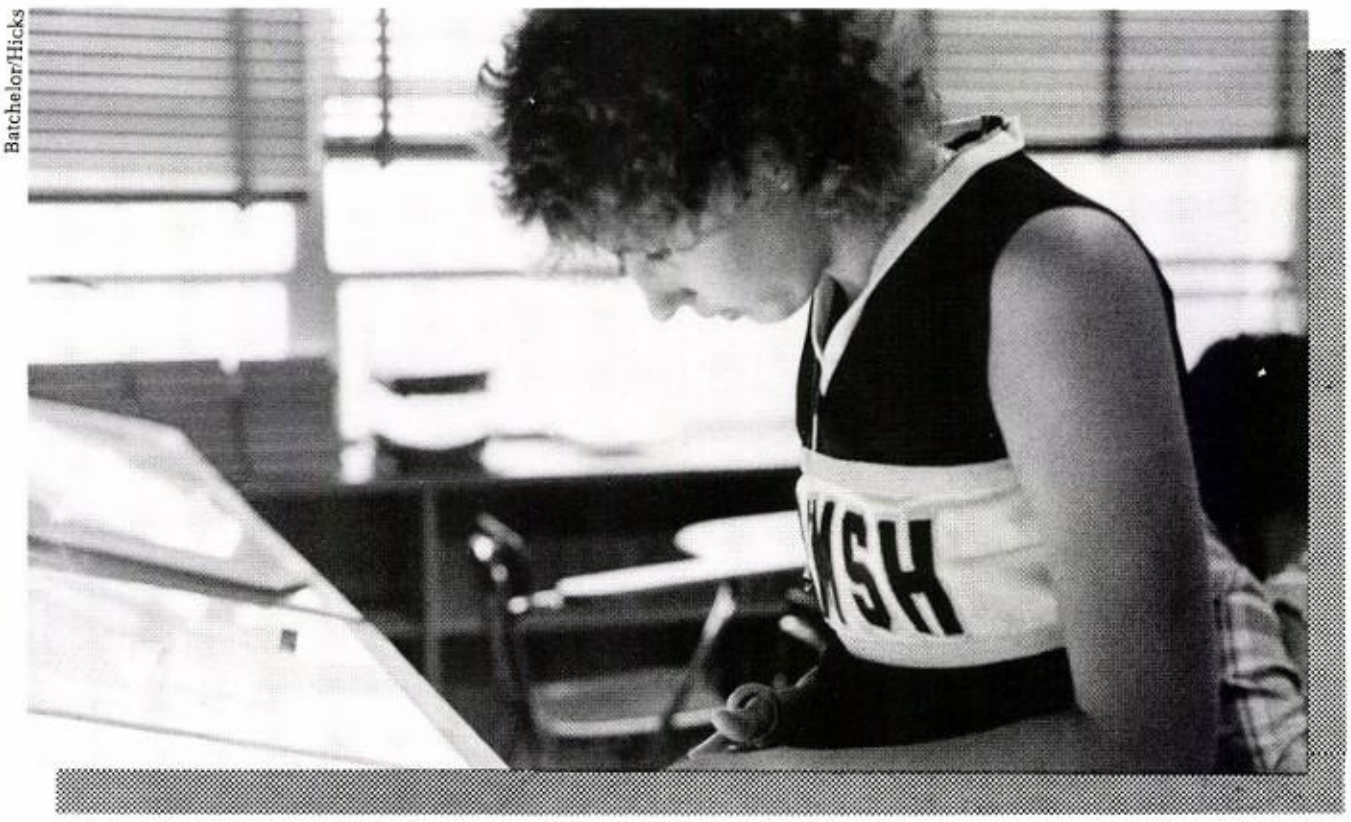
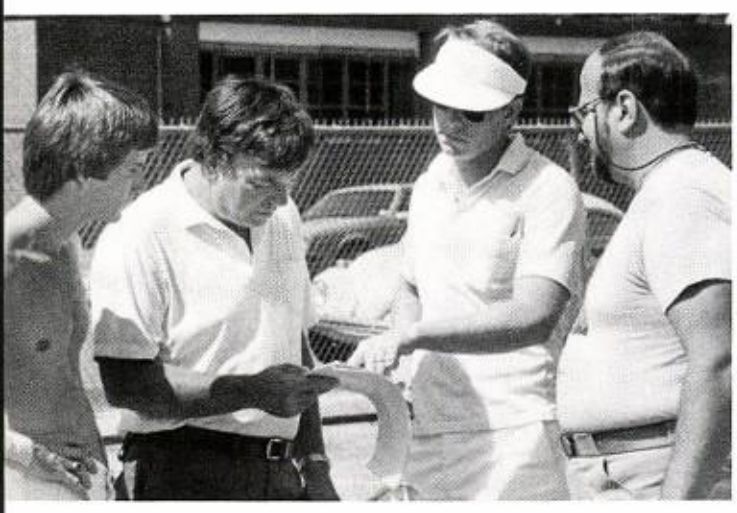


Showing finesse, senior Rainey Astin demonstrates one of the harder aspects of "newspaperography."

Talking over the routine for their next competition, Kendal Cowart, J.C. Sykes, Scott Carter, and Gary Czapinski go over some last minute details.



Pounding the pavement, the colorguard concentrate on their steps for the show.

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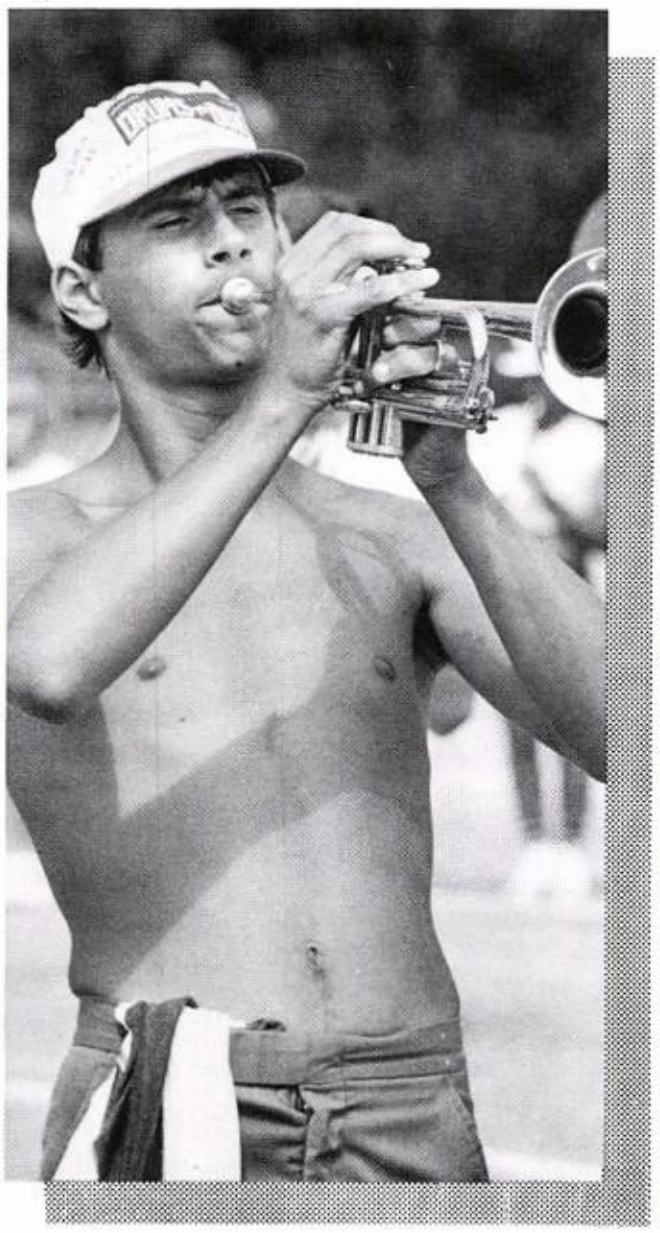
Marching to the beat of a different drum



Ron Sowers

Giving it his all, junior Fred Bone works hard on his trumpet during the long hours of band camp.

We are like one big family.

What could possibly be better than winning the 1983-84 Marching Bands of America competition and gaining recognition as the best marching band in the nation? Why, winning it two years in a row, of course!

And win it, they did. Even though lightening doesn't usually strike twice in the same place, the same dream came true in 1984-85 for band director J.C. Sykes and his performers and supporters.

Winning wasn't easy, everyone admitted. "Mr. Sykes can really be rough on us at times, and when you add up the heat, sweat, and frustration we were put through, it all seemed to pay off," junior John Haney said.

"The two weeks of band camp is spent so the old members can get ready for another year, while the new members get the feel of making new friendships that will last throughout their high school years," senior Amy Daniel said.

"My first year in the band was great. The old members made me feel right at home," sophomore Ann Dickens said.

When a student enters high school, he often finds cliques around school. These were such students who have been through times, both happy and sad, who have shared tears over disappointing situations, and who have rejoiced in the thrill of victory.

"I guess you could say the marching Gryphons are one of the biggest cliques at Senior High," senior Cindy Williams said.

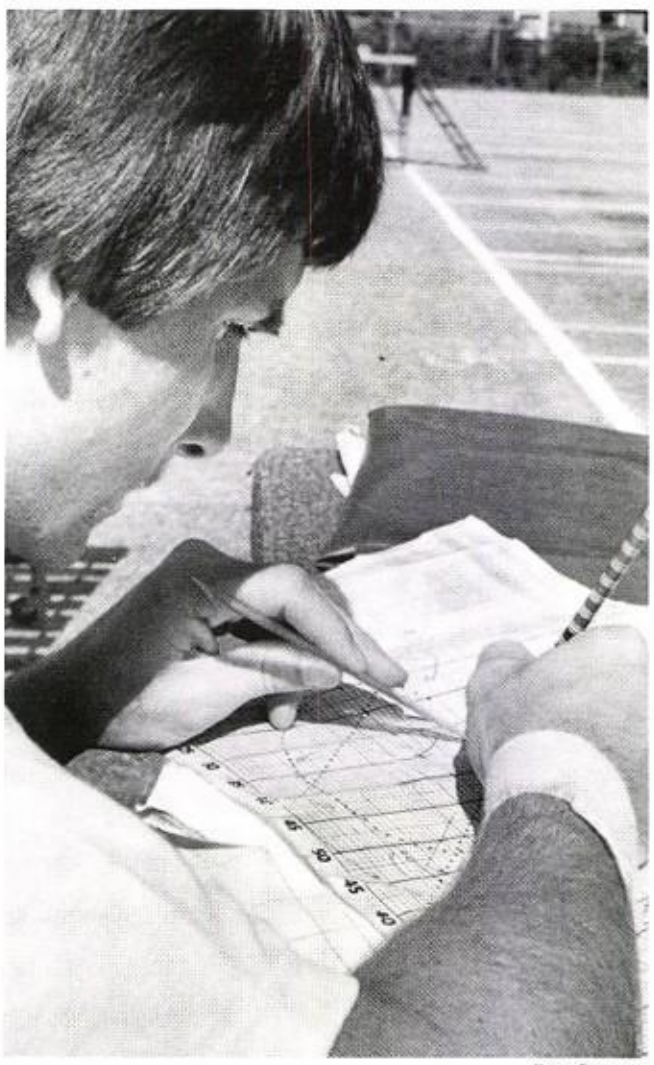
Whatever they were, the marching Gryphons made history. Invited to play for the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan as well as for that of Governor Jim Martin, the band kept the buses rolling. The band boosters and citizens and businesses of Rocky Mount footed the bill. Although they did travel to Washington, D.C., Mother Nature kept them from marching in the parade. Sub-zero temperatures and a wind chill factor of 60 degrees below forced the cancellation of the Inaugural Parade. Students did get to see the President and Mrs. Reagan in a special ceremony. And they did play for Governor Martin. That wasn't too bad for a group of high school kids from the Tar Heel state.

Staff

Ron Sowers

Giving last minute instructions, band director J.C. Sykes encourages his marching Gryphons to give a first performance.

After many long hours of practicing, drum director, Kendall Cowart, points out the mistakes the drum line has made during the day.



Ron Sowers

Charting the steps the marching band go through during a show, Kendall Cowart makes sure he has the precise measurements.

inside

Academics

Moving ahead . . .

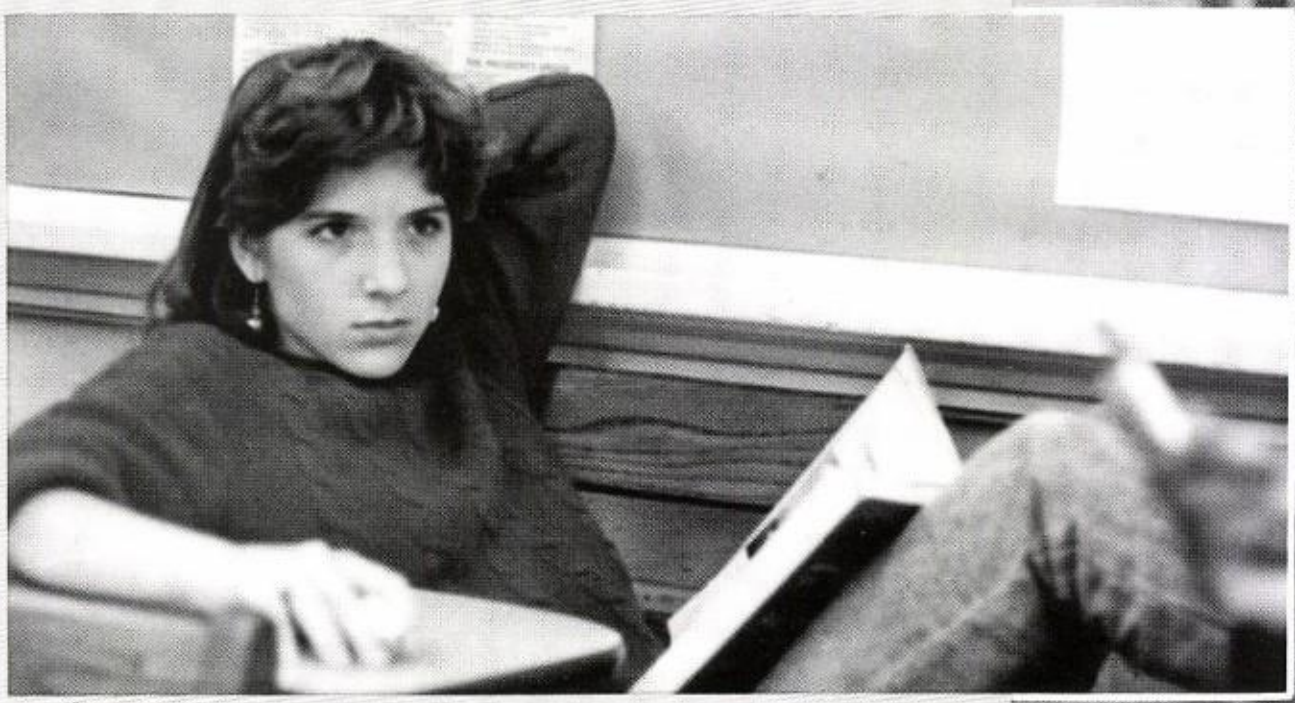
Academics — textbooks, paper, pens, pencils, notebooks . . .

Moving through the halls from class to class seemed routine as the weeks passed. The academic side of school changed, though. Whether the change occurred as a new teacher, a new book or a new course, differences arose everywhere. We grew with new knowledge and experience as we learned. We were becoming adults.

Room to room and subject to subject, we went. Our teachers watched us and learned from us as we learned from them. Together, we all worked. Gaining wisdom from one another and trying to cope with the changes in our world, we grasped tightly to what we could. Our lives were shifting and becoming more complicated all the while.

We all dealt with change in separate ways The differences that came about because of school had an importance of their own. The work we did to accommodate the academic side of life provided us with a sense of accomplishment and pride. We successfully overcame another school year and advanced forward once again.

— Melinda Everett —



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Staring intently, junior Joy Sallenger pays rapt attention to her class.

Johnson/Hicks

Watching for his cue, junior Bo Iler prepares to play a piece of music during Jazz Band.

Racks of glassware gleam brightly as they dry and await another class of students.

Johnson

Following in his brother's footsteps, sophomore Joel Kirkham proudly displays a Gryphon on his bandage.

Hicks

Lancaster

Taking a break from class, juniors Missy Dickens and Sharon Pittman share a laugh and smile at the pencil sharpener.

"Are we good or what?" ask sophomores Stacy Raynor, Andy Suturios, and Jackie Phillips as they wait for their cue at band practice.

VOICES

Climbing on the rocks of Battle Park, seniors Sandy Roberson and Melody Williams return from a group photograph.

Lancaster/Hicks

11 year long, we heard these cute little funny things that stuck out in our minds. They may not be too relevant, but they are memorable.

"Shannon, what is iambic tetrameter?"
— Holly Daniel, junior

"The American Dream is getting Jesse Helms out of office."
— Mrs. Deborah Wilson

"We are going to have a July yearbook."
— Mrs. Debbie Kincheloe

"Oh! Mrs. Colwell! I know!"
— Pam Sewell, senior

"Has anybody seen a hundred copies of **The Gryphon** around here somewhere?"
— Rita Tucker, junior

"The West is a big place."
— Sam Etheridge, junior

"Adolf Hitler, Napoleon Bonaparte, Benito Mussolini, Deborah Wilson . . ."
— Alex Hammond, junior

"Sam, that's irrelevant."
— Carol Scarboro, junior

"Doyle's Law — Everybody does worse on a Monday test."
— Mrs. Eleanor Doyle

"I'm glad the new year is finally here. I am so tired of writing 4's" I don't know what to do. I'd much rather write 5's."
— Mrs. Doris Dupuy

"Sandy, did you hear JV won last night?"
— Greg Pierce, junior

"Well, darn. That's not what I got."
— Tina Sears, sophomore

"It's polar!"
— Rebecca Garrison, junior

"Where's Sandy? He violated an outside margin!"
— Melinda Everett, junior

"We need a reading day!"
— American History AP

"Is 12:00 p.m. midnight or noon?"
— Kim Bryant, junior

"Write a 100 words on squealing."
— Mrs. Rosa Leonard

"Can you ask a dumb question? Certainly. You do it every day."
— Mrs. Joyce Colwell

"Young man, let me have that hat."
— Mr. Melvin Riddick

"You know where they have the car and the squiggly lines? What does that mean?"
— Mary Alice Tilley, junior

"Do you understand?"
— Mrs. Sarah Speight

"And now for another announcement . . ."
— Intercom

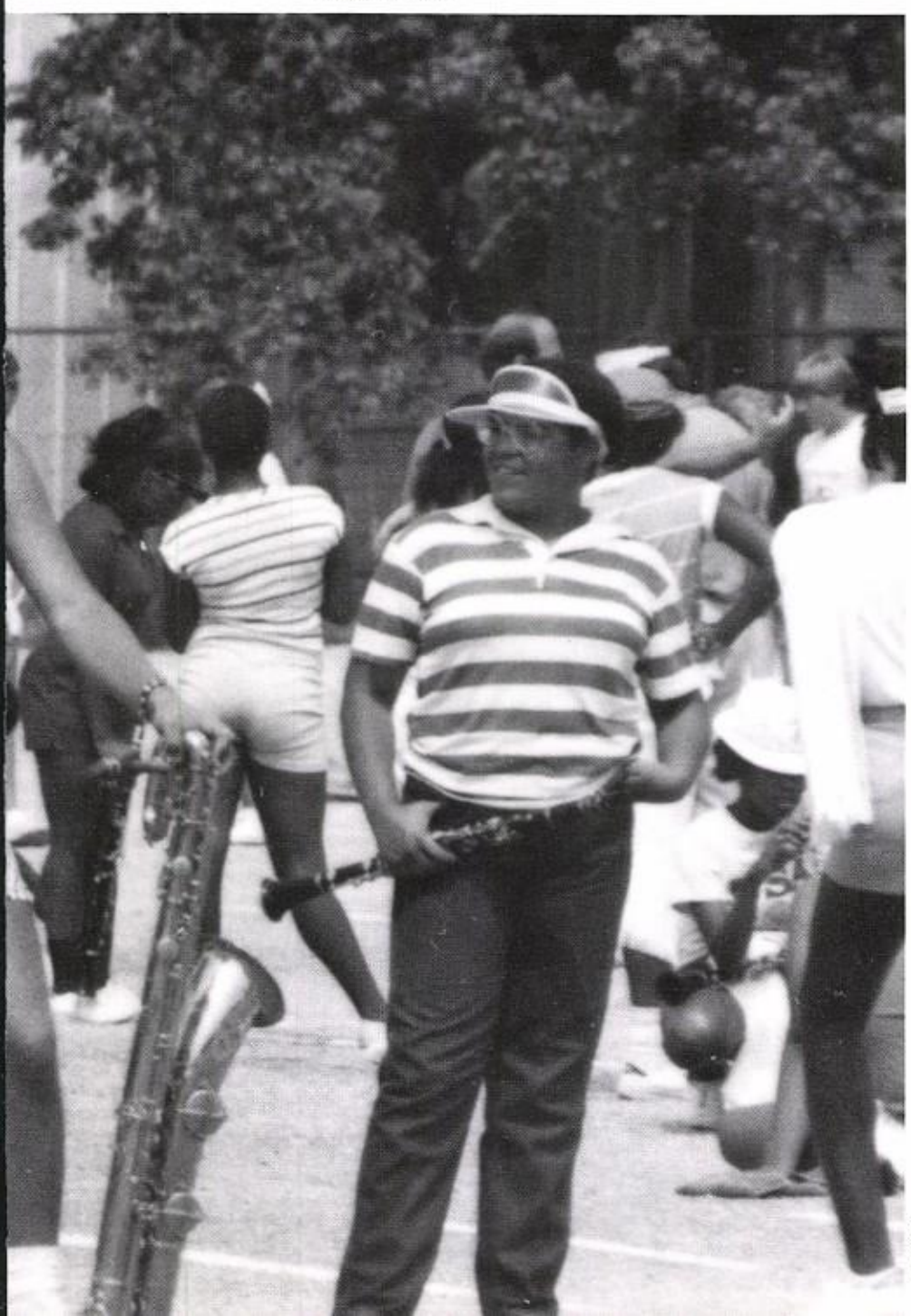
"Can you have a free period? — Never charged for one yet."
— Mrs. Elaine Rose

"There will be absolutely no talking after roll call."
— Detention hall

"Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny."
— Mrs. Betty Hardy

"That teacher must be crazy if she expects me to make a 90 on that exam. And even then she can't guarantee that I'll pass."
— Student in hall

Melinda Everett



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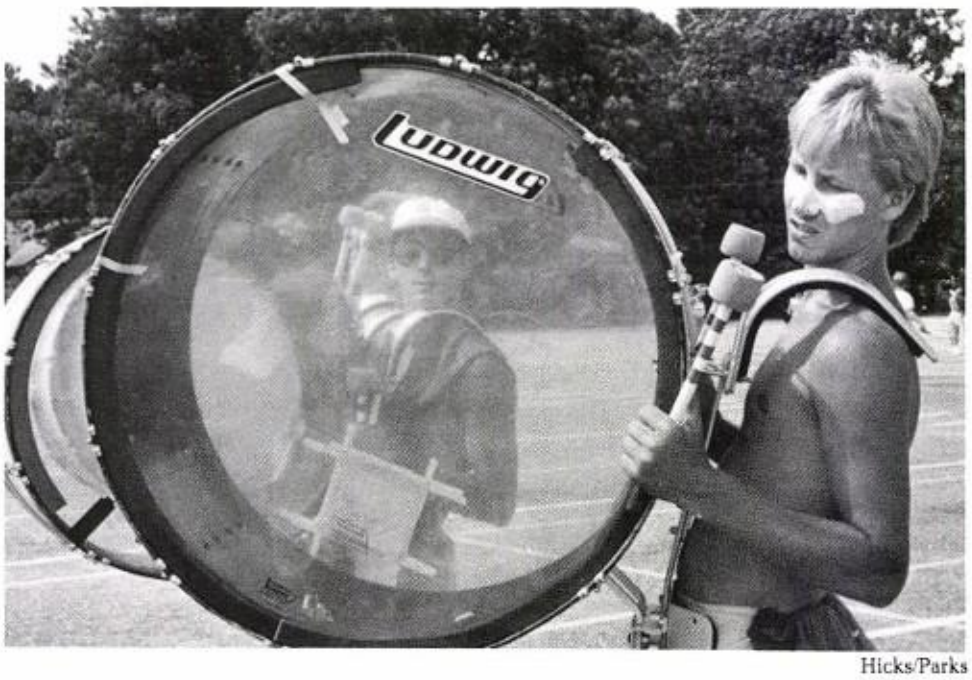

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Dancing with his band partner, Keith Medlin battles the sweltering heat.

the WRITE connection

The ability to write — putting words together in a manner that clearly communicates an idea — was an essential skill that students at R.M.S.H. attempted to master this year. From writing themes, essays, journals, lab reports and copy to composing poems, songs and short stories, students spent quite a few early morning hours finishing up such assignments.

"Even though we are forced to write so much, I have a feeling that we will benefit from it all in the future," junior Samuel Woodley said.

Recent studies have shown that most high-school age students don't have the writing skills that they should. As a result, teachers required more written work from their students this year and these skills were first included in the competency test required for graduation.

Although most of the work students wrote were class assignments, many decided to learn writing skills independently.

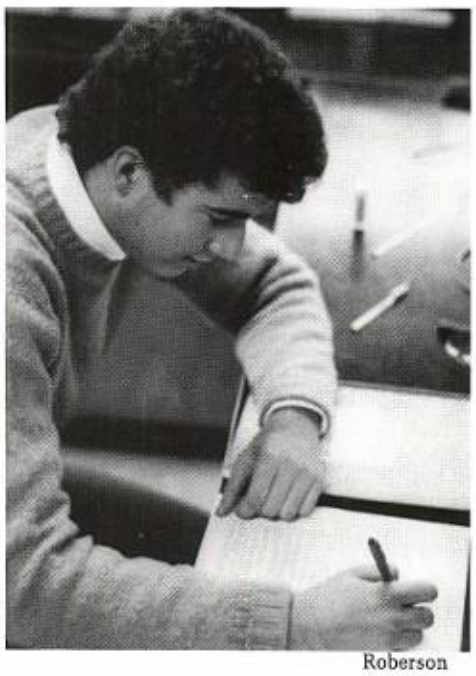
"I found writing poems and short stories to be an outlet for my emotions as well as a way to voice my opinion about important issues," senior Trish Nicholson said.

Sophomore Cissie Eagles kept a diary through which she expressed her thoughts and feelings about everyday events.

"I found that it helped me to write my frustrations down instead of becoming angry at someone," sophomore Cissie Eagles said.

Whether assigned or personal, writing provided much enjoyment as well as an outlet for feelings for students.

Holley Daniel



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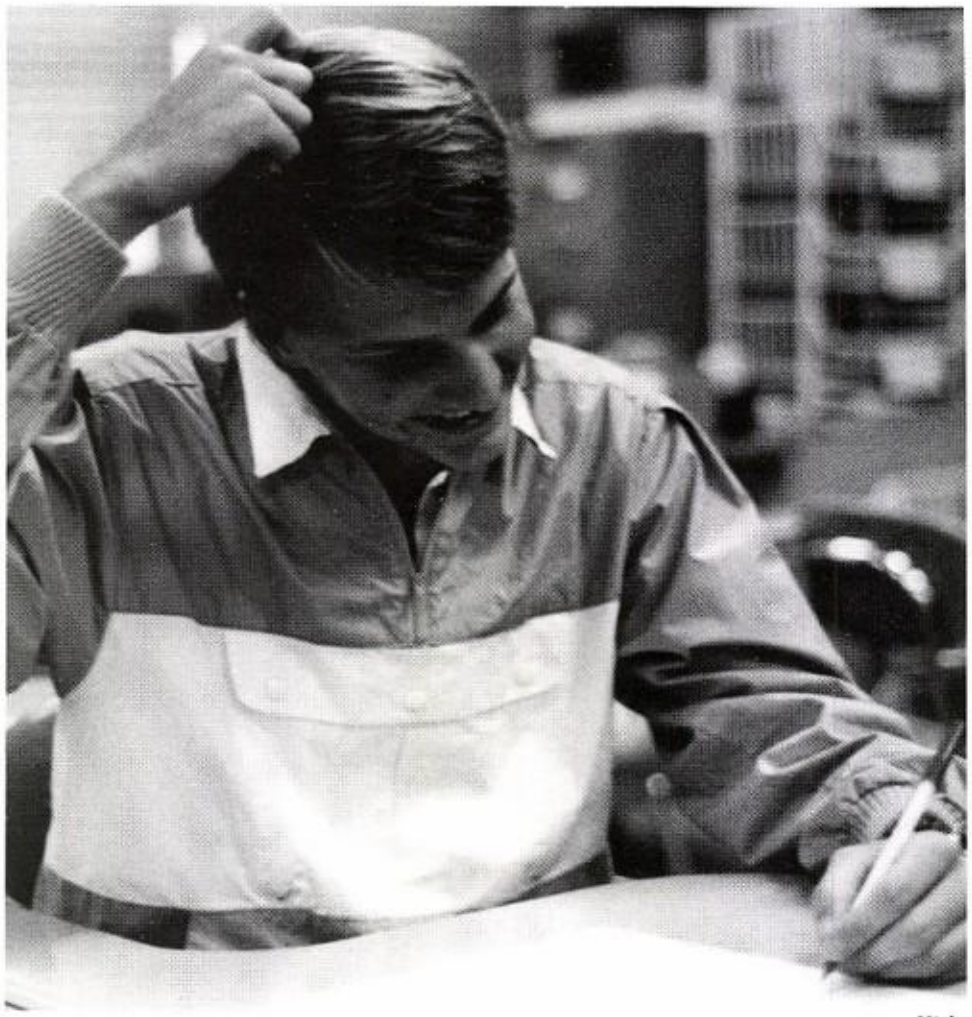
After conducting an exciting lab experiment, sophomore John Coley finds that chemistry lab books require a great deal of writing.



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Scratching his head in a state of deep thought, senior Tom Shannon uses his writing skills to fill out a college application.

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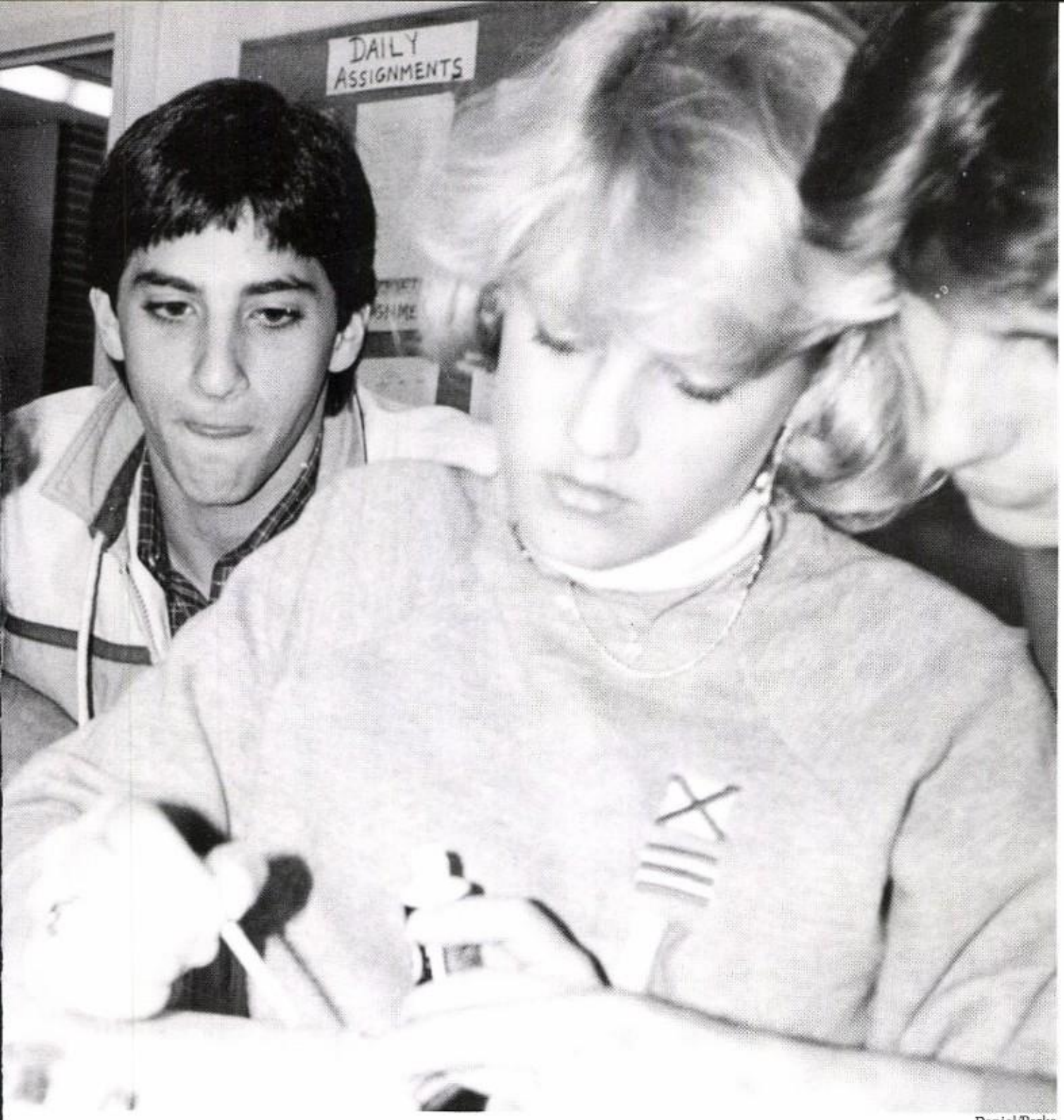

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Liquid paper saves the day for junior Tonya Grooms as she finishes up an important essay with a little help from senior Matthew Wescott.

Daniel/Roberson

Heaps of paper tumble to the floor as senior Joy Barnes goes through the tedious process of composing a story.

Johnson/Parks

Sleeping on the job, senior Stephanie Mitchell finds that napping can be just as exciting as writing an essay.

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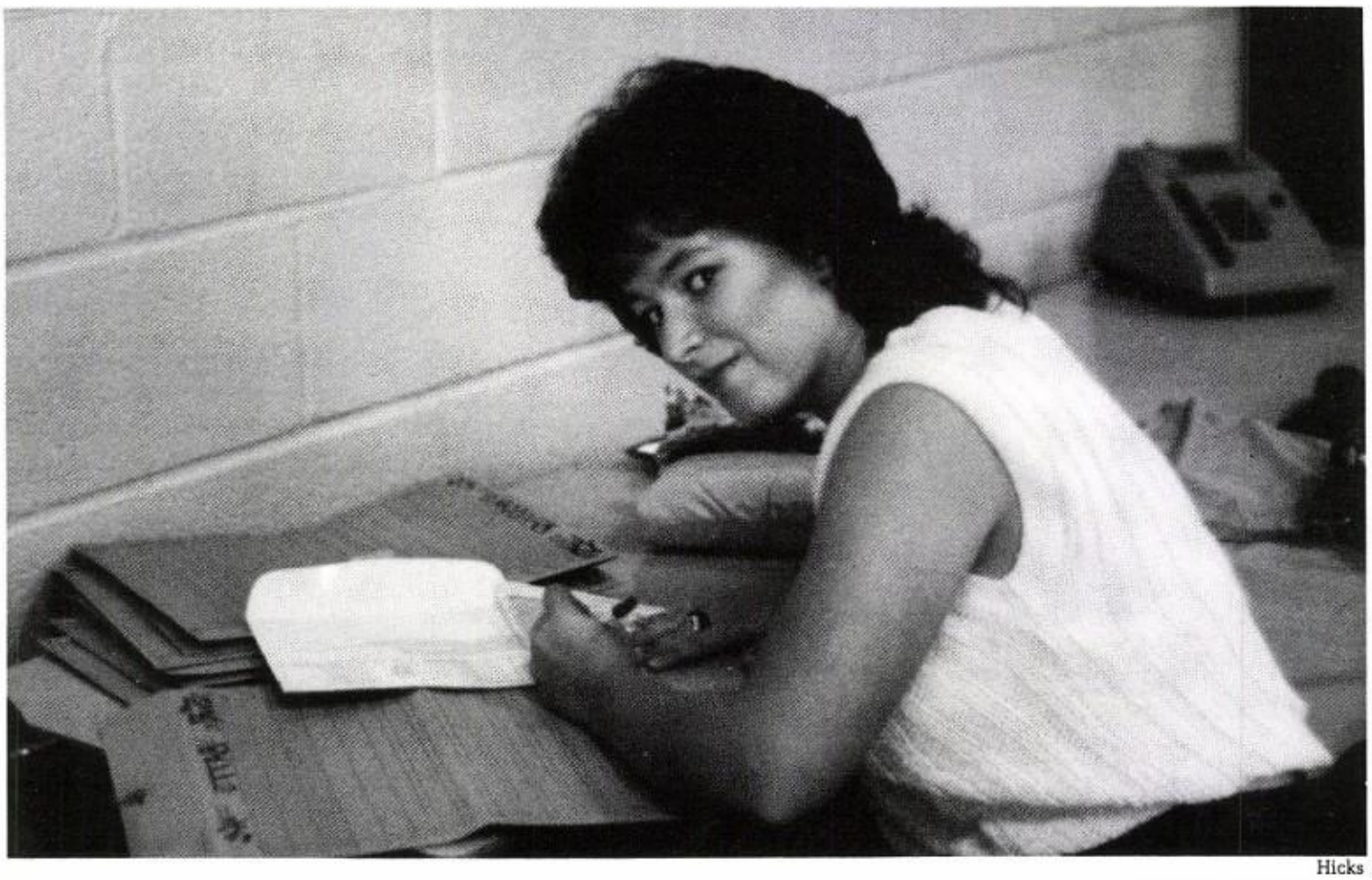

Having second thoughts about pursuing a career in office occupations, senior Rachelle Metcalfe wonders if she will ever get her money balanced.

Pouring over want-ads, seniors Renee Fountain, Steve Bastian, and Neil Avent finish homework for their American Economics class.

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Business . . . American economy . . . Home Economics . . . Consumer education and management . . . American hist

Pursuing the American Dream

two-story wooden house, a white picket fence, a shaggy English shepard, a gray Mercedes-Benz, and two freckled children. Success, the American Dream. Every person keeps a dream in his mind and works to acquire his aspiration. A good education helps pave the way to a successful life. The hard work of students and teachers alike make the American Dream more attainable.

The American economy is based on the free-enterprise system. Many courses taught students to understand this system and use it to their advantage. Basic Business gave a comprehensive study of finance. In late October, Samuel Gray, Director of Human Relations for the City of Rocky Mount, spoke to the class.

The semester course, American Economy, used one nine weeks for studying American economic principles and the other nine weeks for role-playing. Students assumed economic identities to learn about budgeting and surviving on their own.

Deciding how to spend money happens to be a problem many newly independent people have to face. A few elective courses made this task easier. Home Ec 12 and Consumer Education and Management provide examples of such classes. These classes taught budgeting, money management and other survival needs.

Achieving the American Dream may be difficult, but it has yet to become an impossible task. For the past two years, the marching band has proven this. Over 150 determined, well-drilled band students went out on a football field that November, performed to the best of their ability, and won. The Marching Gryphons —Grand National Champions. The prestige belonged to them. Rocky Mount became the first band to ever win the national championship two years in a row.

Band directed students in more than just music. Members learned to manage time and work hard to obtain a goal.

"I really have to center everything around the band. Band has taught me a lot about self-discipline and concentration at the same time," junior Karin Zipf said.

Melinda Everett

Lancaster/Parks

To achieve success, sometimes you need help as senior Debby Dixon finds out.

The Marching Gryphons achieve success as they win competitions. These trophies show concrete evidence of what band members have learned and gained from their experience.

Mr. Samuel Gray, Director of Human Relations for the City of Rocky Mount, discusses types of business ownerships with students in Mrs. Holloway's basic business class.

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PIECING IT TOGETHER

lective courses helped to fill the gaps. They paved the way to a better future and they helped to piece a class schedule together. A variety of electives were offered and, students selected from these.

Vocational courses gave students a chance to work with their hands and to learn new abilities. Classes like cabinet making gave students very useful skills that could be used during a lifetime. Trade and industrial education classes often occurred in two levels. The first offered basic understanding and skills while the second further developed abilities for the field.

"My auto mechanics class has helped me a lot. I can use what I learn on my own car," said junior Mike Diedel.

Foreign language courses allowed students to gain college entrance requirements and to learn about another culture. With communications becoming more and more important, taking a language became stressed. Latin, French, Spanish, and even an etymology course were available.

"Knowing a foreign language makes the world seem a little smaller," said sophomore Beverly Mangum.

Many electives were offered as semester courses, and they counted as half units for graduation. Some of these were senior electives, such as sociology and psychology. Quite a few semester electives demanded prerequisites. The human anatomy class gave more detailed information on the human body than did the basic biology class.

Electives filled the curriculum. They made up a large part of a student's schedule. No matter what the interest, there was an elective for it.

— Melinda Everett —

"And one more time!" Mrs. Jane Parvin runs her Spanish Class through verb forms and new vocabulary.

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Business courses are a type of elective available to students. This typing class pauses to hear new instructions.

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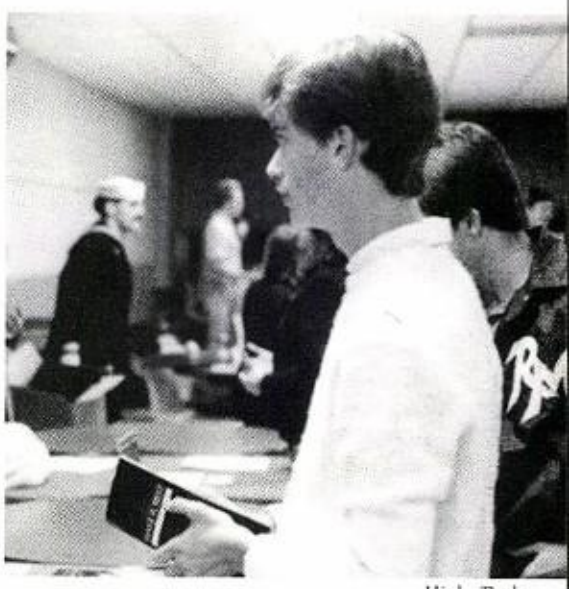
In his bricklaying class, Carlton Battle applies cement to part of his project.



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During college night, junior Julian Fisher listens intently as he learns about a university he would like to attend.

Dissecting a crayfish, junior Darryl Dickens participates in his biology class.

Sociology . . . Psychology . . .

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Getting physical

find that by exercising on a regular basis, I feel much better about my schoolwork and even tests," senior Cecily Watson said.

Once again, students succeeded in combining their studies with their sports and physical recreation to result in an overall winning performance both academically and physically.

New fads especially helped to increase the amounts of physical activity. Breakdancing and Jane Fonda's workout tape and video encouraged few to remain stationary.

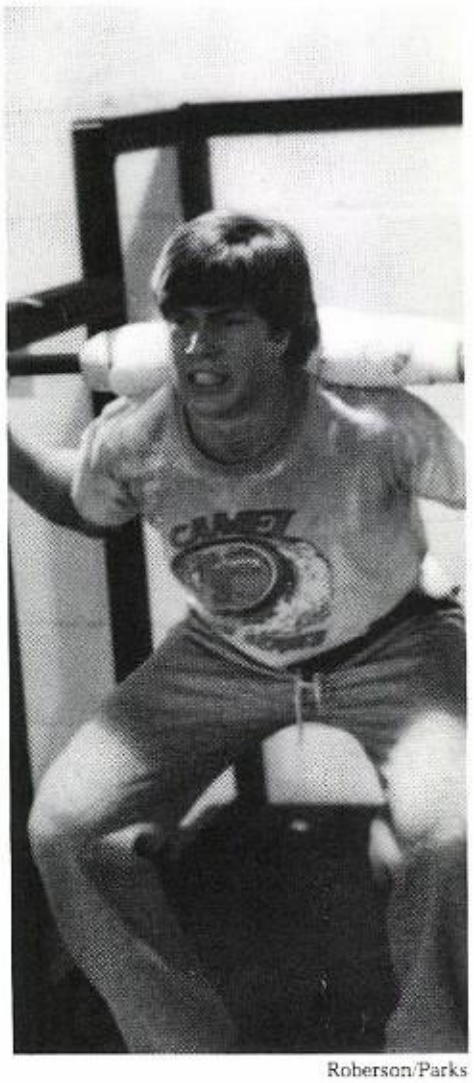
"I feel that students have become increasingly serious about their physical well-being and performance, and I think the new attitude is here to stay," said Coach Reggie Henderson.

In health occupations, band, and physical education students had the opportunity to learn more about their personal fitness as well as to test their stamina in challenging tasks such as the mile-run and an all-day band practice.

"I love feeling healthy and feeling my best, so I run, jog, do aerobics, calisthenics, and many other ways of keeping in shape, junior Fran Worsley said.

From doing 50 toe-touches to lifting weights in the school weightroom, students maintained an excellent state of condition through physical fitness.

— Holley Daniel —



"Grin and bear it." Junior Heath Hartley keeps a happy face under the strain of heavy weights.

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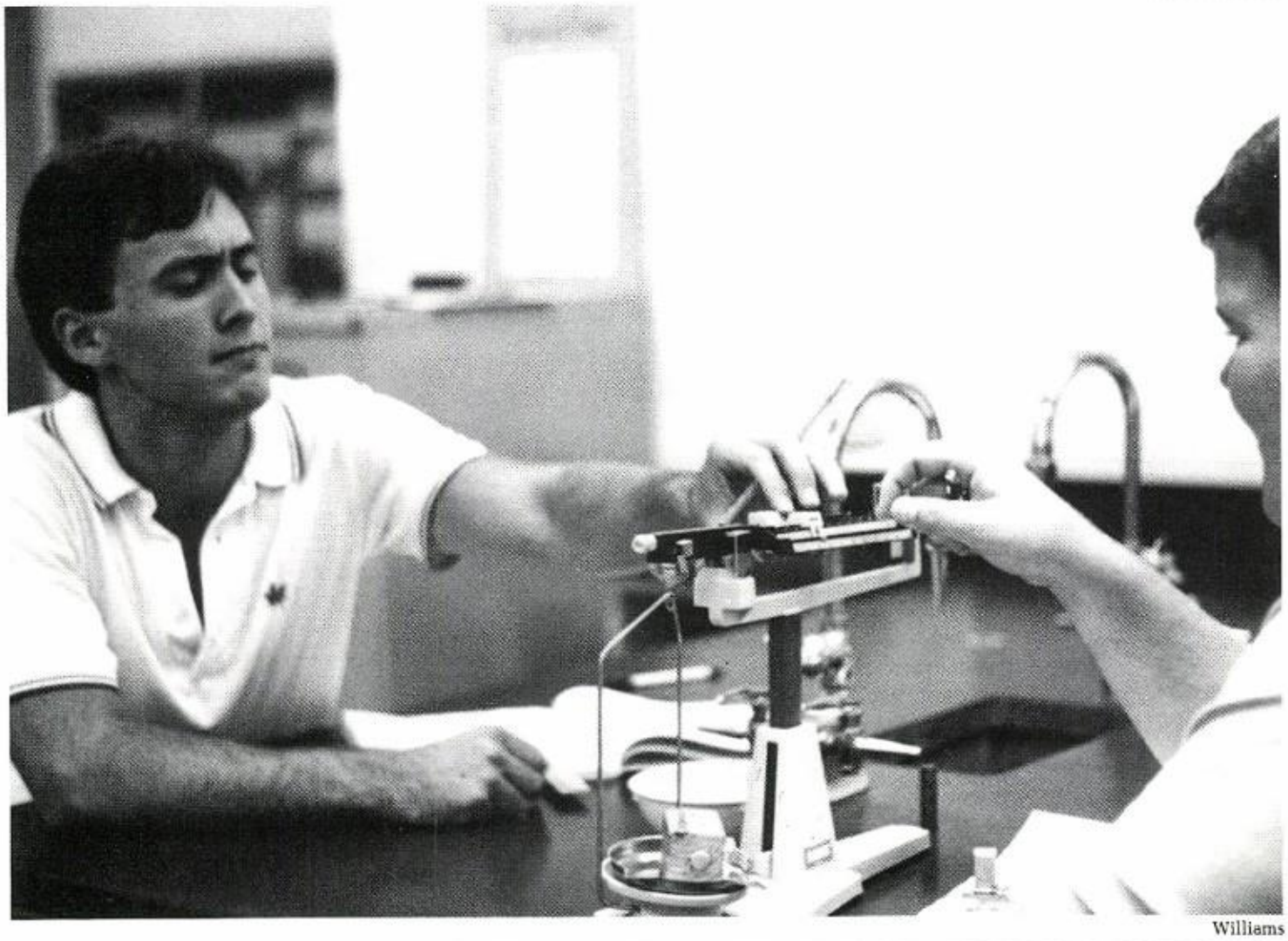
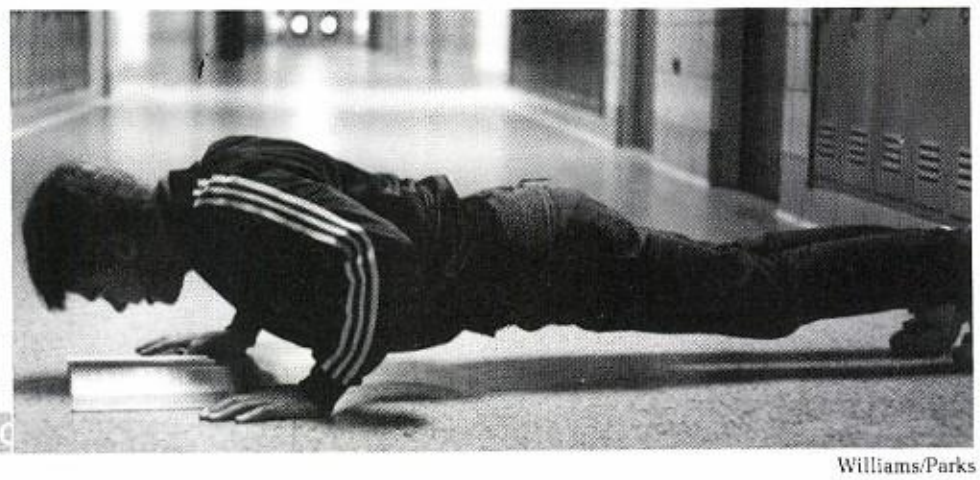


Williams

Making a precise measurement, senior Stephen Locke explains the elements of physics.



Literally getting physical over his school work, senior Ricky Parks combines his Algebra with his daily work-out.

Williams/Parks

Physical treatment of bed-ridden patients requires regular exercising, learn health occupations students in their classroom experience.

William/Parks

Sowers

"That's the way it's done." Tony Carmichael knows from much experience that preciseness is needed for a successful performance.

"No pain, no gain." Junior Toni Whitaker finds that success can be painful as she warms up for another day of band practice.

Sowers

Teaming up on the world

During school, after school, on teacher workdays, and even on holidays, many groups pulled together this year and met deadlines by the skin of their teeth. Each person gave his all and made things work.

Making sure our newspaper was on time each month, Mrs. Rosa Leonard kept the Gryphon staff on their toes. Every person worked as a team and kept things running smoothly through the year.

"When we got pressed for time and by our deadlines, the whole staff came together and we worked as a team to produce an effective paper," senior Jake Parrott said.

The entire school pulled together this year for magazine sales and earned a large amount of money needed for school benefits. All the sophomores, juniors and seniors played a great part in the sales which was a great effort.

—Shannon Gallagher—

Literally putting the icing on the cake, seniors Sylvia Whitehead and Michele Sharpe put the finishing touches on a Home Ec assignment.

Williams/Parks

The Choral Music members are: Rachele Deans, Deborah Battle, Tara Pitts, Lisa Battle, Maggie Johnson, Hatley Deans, Reggie Harper, Felisha Jones, and Brenda Kearney.

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Practice makes perfect is highly believed by jazz band members as they practice daily.

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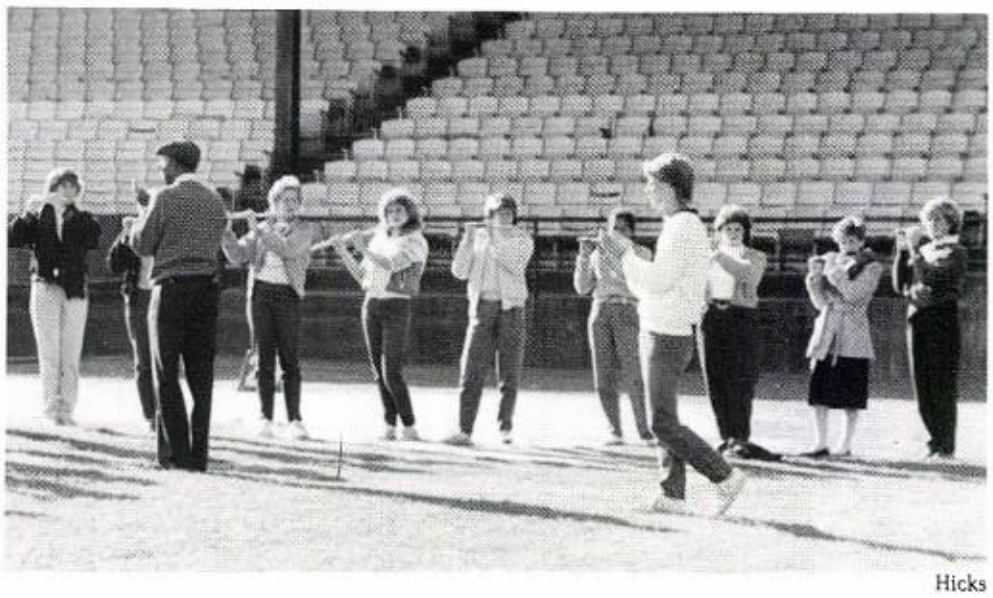
Conveying the importance of magazine sales, Mr. Mike Batchelor speaks to the student body.



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Keeping rhythm, senior Andy Metcalf leads the flute players in a number.

Making sure they meet their deadlines, seniors Elizabeth Cooper and Jake Parrott work on the school newspaper.

Exploring the technical side of electronics, junior Jesse Whitaker puts the final touches on this project.

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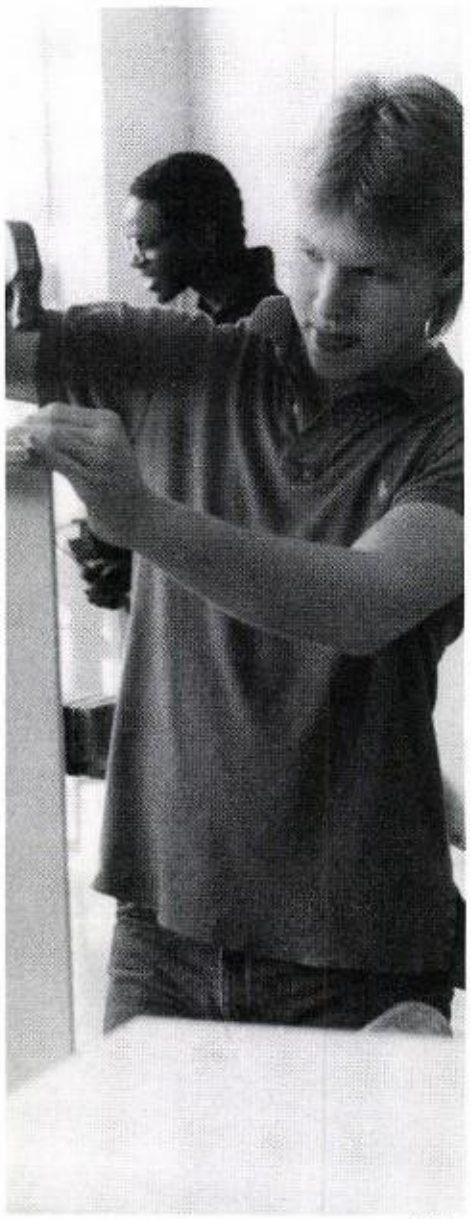

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Hitting the nail instead of his finger takes lots of concentration from Randy Griffin.

Checking all measurements, junior Gary Knight completes a masonry project.

Paving the way

Hicks

uto mechanics, masonry, carpentry, blueprint reading, food services, child care services, cabinet making, business law, typing, and the list goes on. These courses enabled the students of Rocky Mount Senior High to pursue their interests not only in the area of academics but in practical courses, also. Many types of educational programs enabled the students to gain on-the-job training while also earning a grade.

"Blueprint reading is an excellent careeer opportunity and I really learned a lot. It will also help me with my future occupation, architecture," senior Brad Batchelor said.

The need for basic maintenance skills has become imperative in today's world. With wages ranging from ten to twenty dollars an hour for services such as auto repair, electronics, and bricklaying, students had nothing to lose by taking one of these courses.

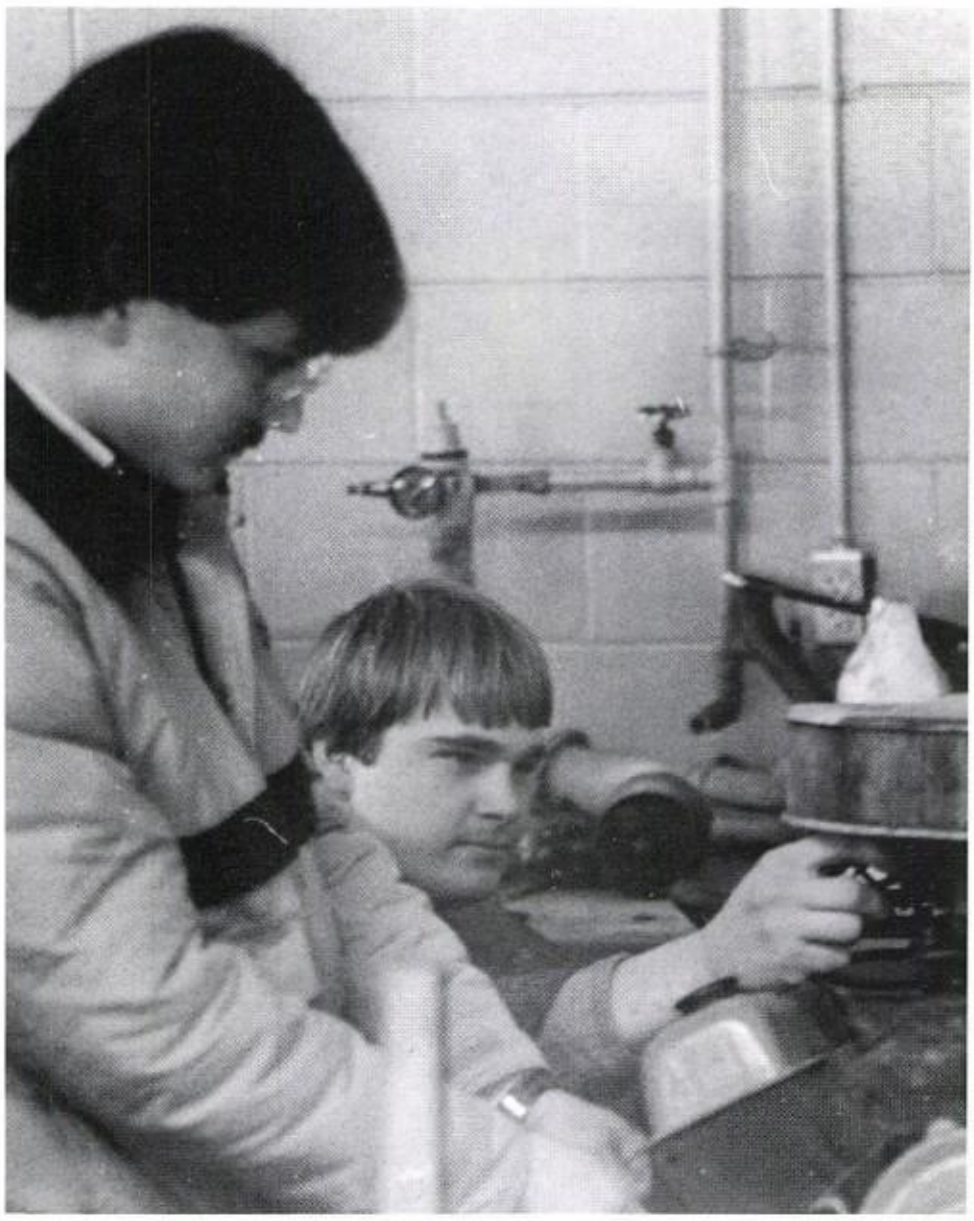
Many business courses enabled the students to also further their education in the working world.

"Accounting will help me not only if I decide to work in an office, but it will help me with my own finances," senior Donna Bazzle said.

"I really have learned a lot in typing, just little things like how to type tables or paragraphs. I think it will be helpful when I go off to school next year," senior Dawn Turnley said.

"I took business law because I plan on majoring in criminal justice in college, and I thought it would be a great way to find out more about my future field of study," senior Kimberly Bulluck said.

Debby Dixon



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Working together, seniors Paul King and Dwight Davis find auto mechanics fun and interesting.

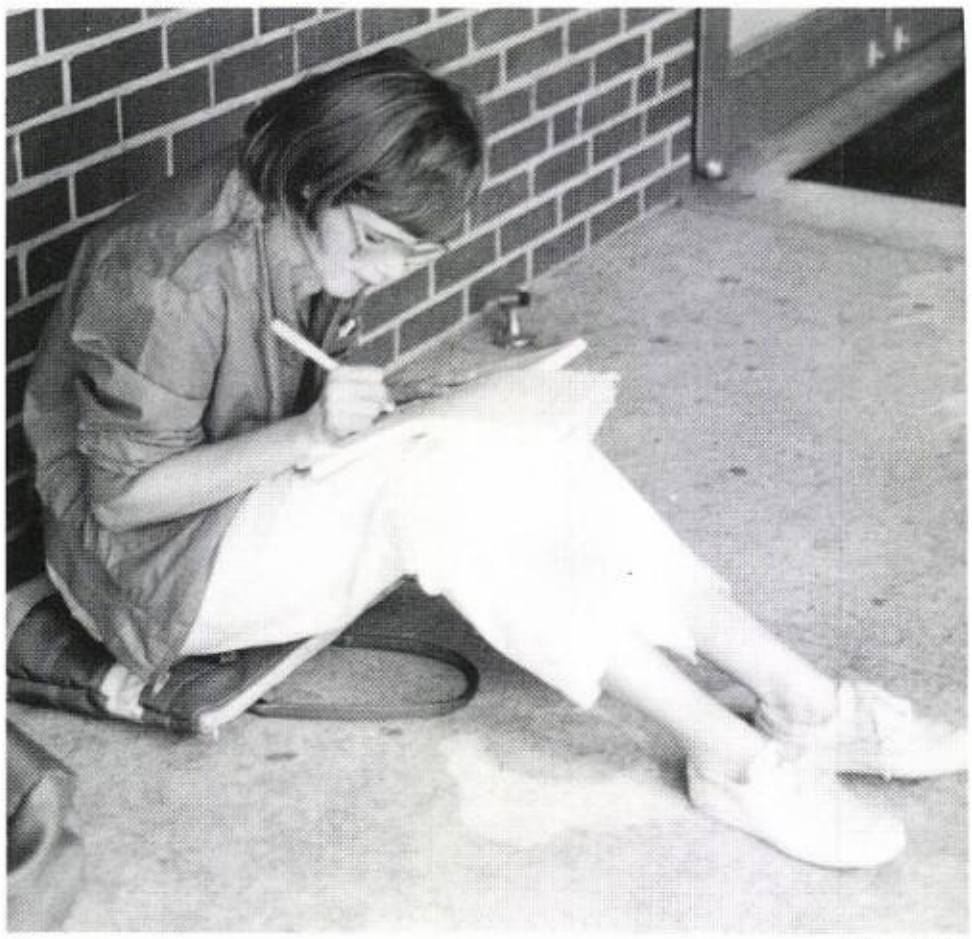
Hicks

Demonstrating how to thread a machine. Mrs. Katie McGee explains each step to Cynthia Howell.

Does this look familiar? For the average student this pile of books represents what is faced day after day, night after night.

Williams/Parks

Making every minute count, sophomore Rosie Kilgore squeezes in a little extra time doing homework before her next class.



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A continuous stream

Why have home work? Should I do my homework? Should I go outside and play before or after my studies? Which was more important, the **Guilding Light** or homework? These questions and many more hampered students daily as the 3:10 bell rang and students headed home with armfuls of books.

Some students devoted more time to school work than others. "I spend about five hours a night on homework. This doesn't leave any spare time to do hardly anything else," senior Shoane Winstead said.

Some students devoted time to their school work while others were busy with sports, band, jobs, and extracurricular activities.

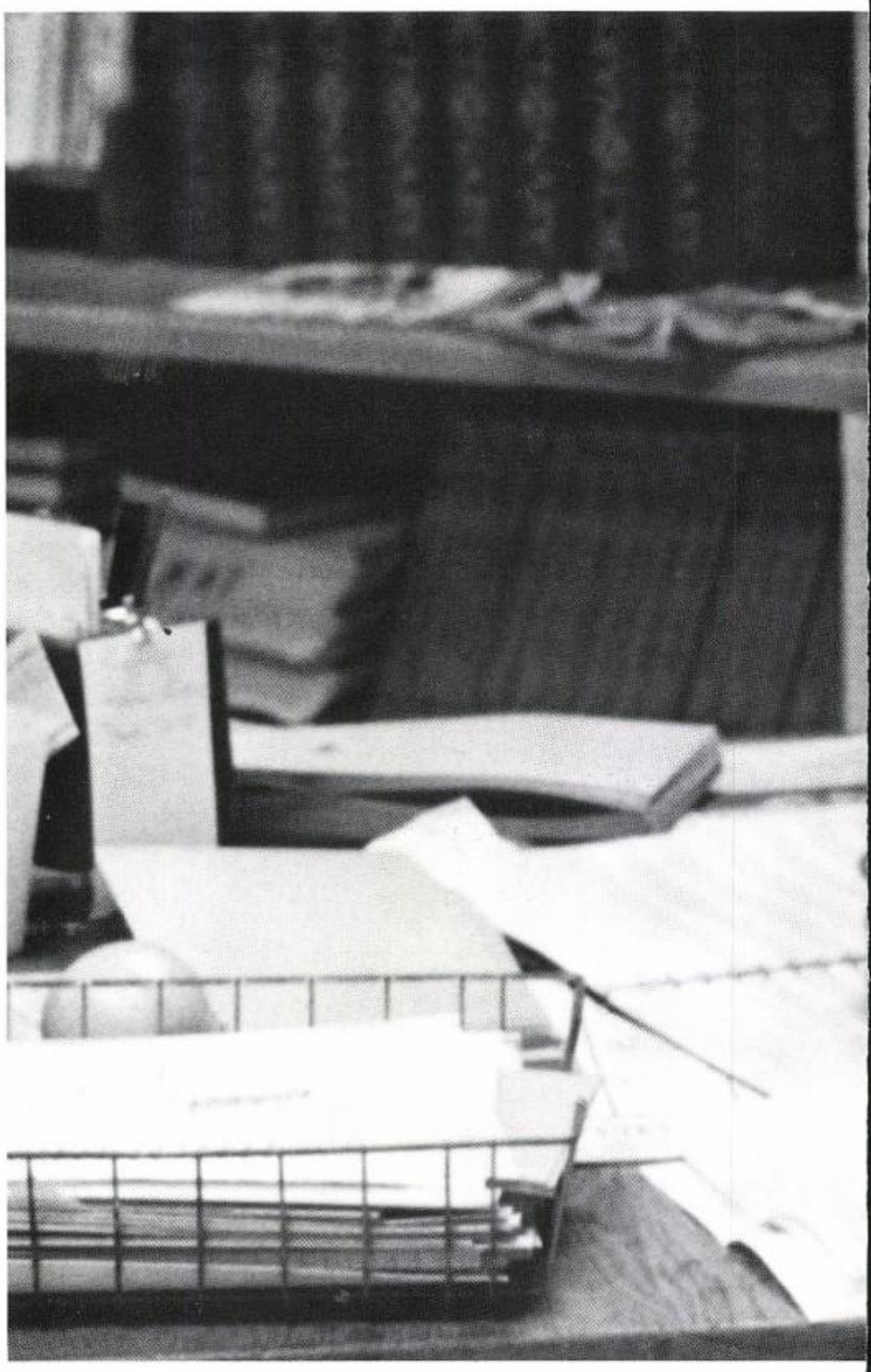
"I did not realize just how much time I really had for homework until I started soccer," junior Will Willingham said.

Students with jobs, sports, band, and extracurricular activities had a hard time finding time to do all their studies. Yet some how they managed to complete the massive amount of homework given to them. Students were not the only ones dealing with homework. Teachers had plenty to do, also. They stayed home on weekends grading students' tests, making out tests, or simply just planning a lesson for the next day.

"In Social Studies there is a continuous stream of essays and homework being returned to me. It is necessary to return papers, too, but at the same time keep on moving . . ." history teacher Mrs. Fuerst said.

Many teachers could not do all their work during their planning periods so they did it during lunch and at home. Meanwhile, there were still students who did not do their homework at all, and usually they remained in the same grade the following year.

——Melody Williams——



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Catching up on missed sleep, band students Kevin Smith, Andy Metcalf, and Vic Howell take a mid-day's siesta after a long, tiring night of homework.

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Reading up on her favorite author, junior Michelle Hinton reads **To Kill a Mocking Bird** during her lunch hour.

Slaving away at her desk, teacher Mrs. Jane Parvin grades the neverending test papers, homework, and pop quiz papers turned into her daily by her students.

Hicks

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Checking to make sure that every homeroom sent in their magazine sale envelope, senior Kathy Sellars shows her responsibility.

Getting a head start in the professional world, senior Lenora Scheibe works through office occupations at State Farm Insurance.

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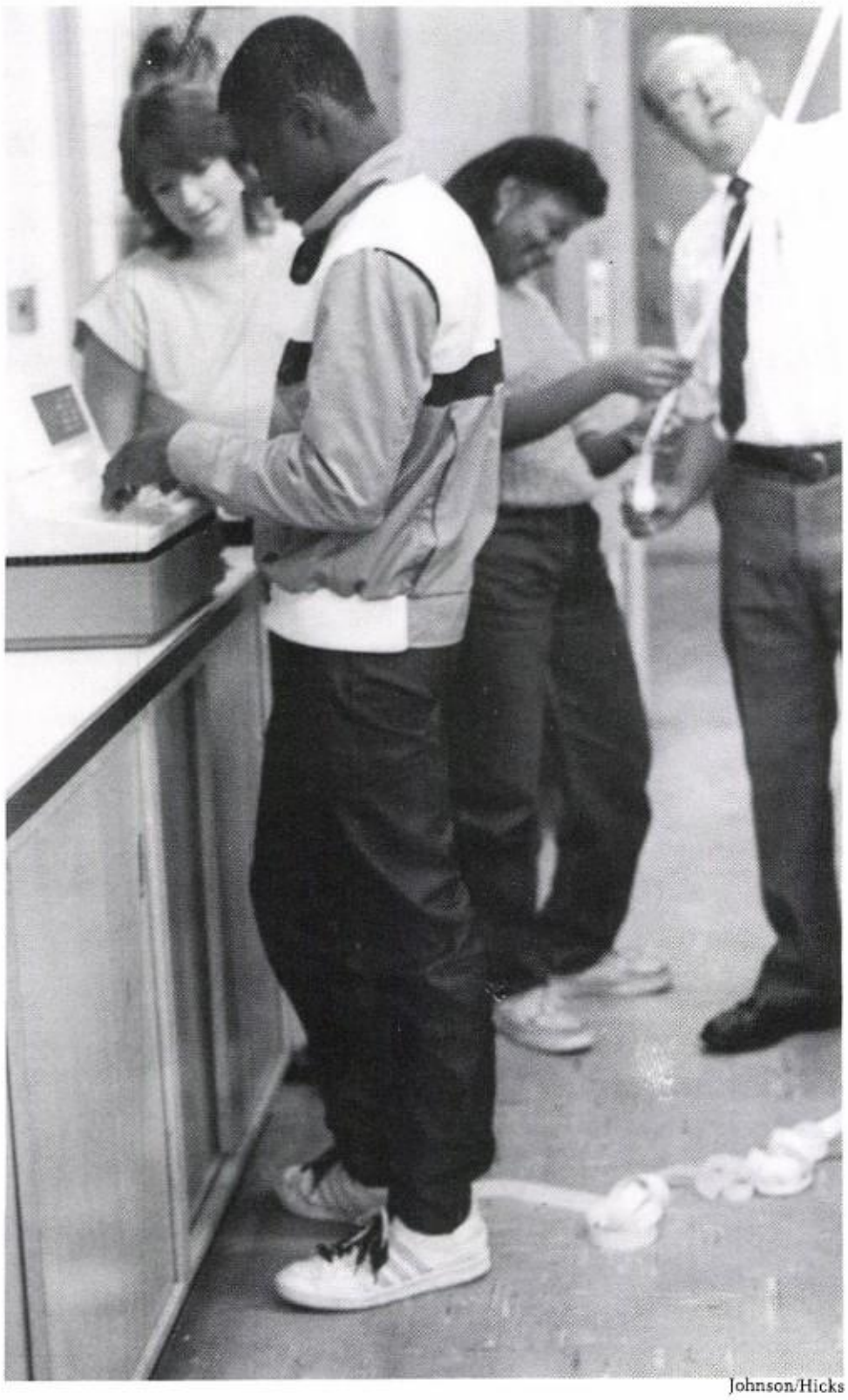
Adding up magazine sales, senior Clarissa Farrar enjoys the practice it gives her.

Getting the necessary background, adviser Mr. Horne gives helpful hints and advice to DE students before they get started in the real world.



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Lots of work; Little play

"have been in DE for two years. I am very active and devoted to the class. Not only does the class offer you a job and give you great opportunities for the future, but you also get to travel and meet new people," said senior Gloria Hayes.

Distributive Education offered students a chance to study fashion merchandising, marketing, marketing and merchandising, salesmanship, and advertising. The students picked the course of study that they were interested in. Not only did they receive class instruction, but they also got a job that was related to the field in which they were interested.

"I got involved in DE for the excellent experience I would get and because it was something I was interested in and I knew I would enjoy it," said senior DE member Angela Franklin.

Industrial Cooperative Training, a two-hour class, offered classroom instruction with work experience. Mr. Watkins worked with each student in order to prepare an individual training plan and then select appropriate materials based on the students' occupation.

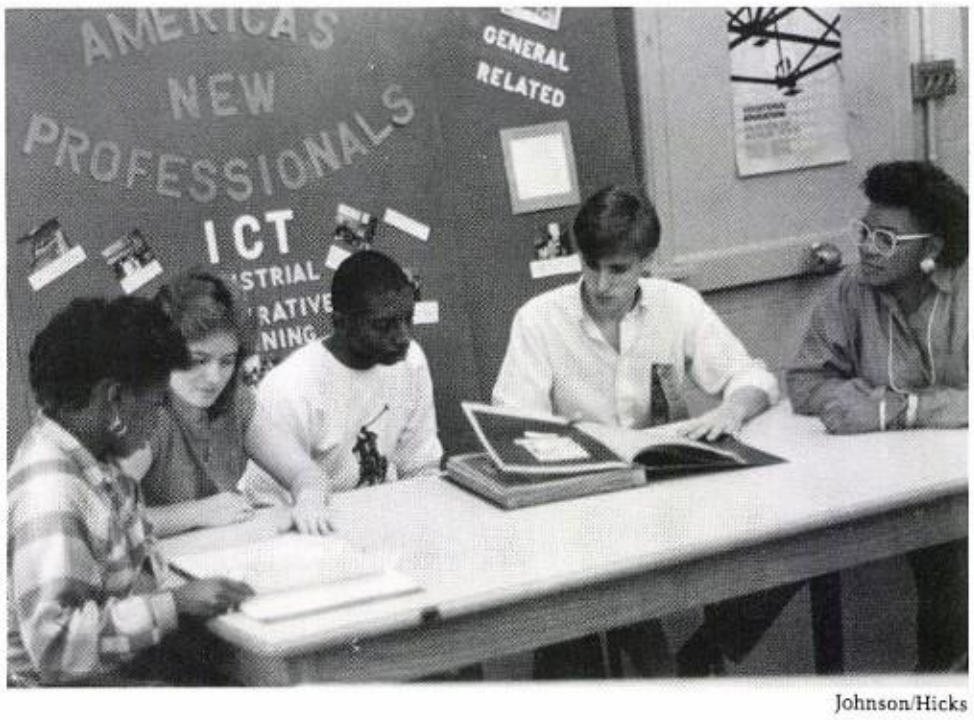
"I got involved in ICT because I thought it would be a good experience, a challenge, and something I would really enjoy," said junior Georette Williams.

Office occupations was another course that involved after-school jobs as well as class training. An after-school job was not required for the class, but if the students did have a job, they got an extra unit of credit.

"The class is fun and interesting. I am planning to go into the office occupations field after high school so the class is really helping me a great deal," said senior Rachelle Metcalf.

The class helped with the magazine sale. They were responsible for making sure all records balanced. The class also helped with alphabetizing the schedule cards for the main office and assistant principals' offices.

Lynn Hastings



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Sizing a coat is a difficult task, but ICT students Dorothy Battle and Tammy Woodard do it with great ease.

Studying the philosophical aspects of ICT's training manual, senior Tony Johnson and senior Daryll Grizer discuss the implications within.

ice Occupations . . . Distributive Education . . . Industrial Cooperative Training . . . Cooperative Office Occupations . . .

Flipping through index cards, senior Katie Monahan prepares to work on her research paper.

With a hopeful smile, juniors Ann Chowning, Karin Zipf, and Sharon Pittman turn in assignments to Mrs. Deborah Wilson.

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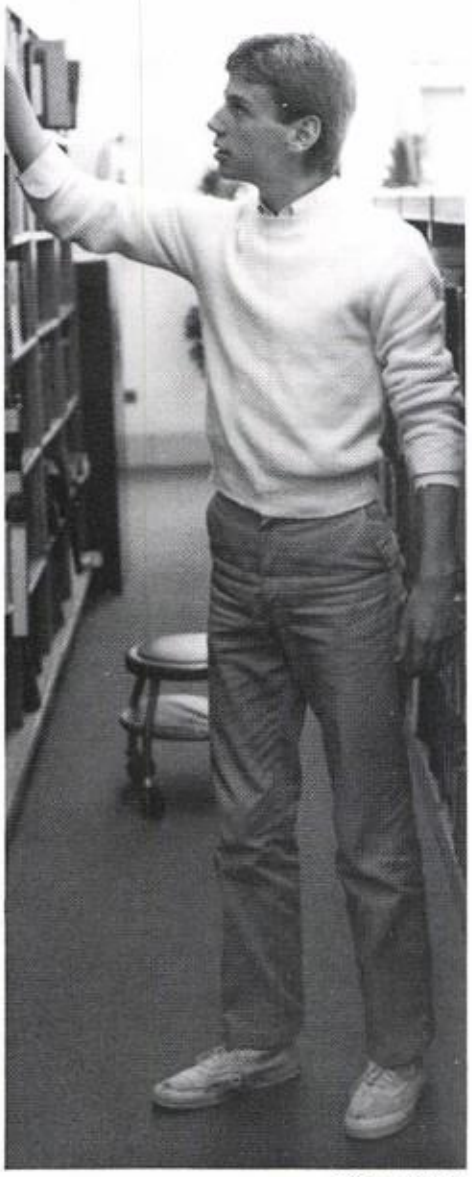

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Making hurried notes

esearch, research, and more research . . . Students spent hours at local libraries investigating topics for term papers, essays, and other various writings. Between choosing a subject and copying a final draft, taking notes was probably the most time-consuming step in the entire process.

Once a topic was chosen, narrowed down, and approved, sources had to be hunted. Sometimes a book sat on a shelf at home, but more often the material lay in a back corner of the library basement. With larger projects like term papers, students carried stacks of resources home to use. Of course the family set of encyclopedias still got put to use as students looked for a general idea or fact for their papers.

One of the most disappointing occurences in doing research must have been the huge, promising volume that a person simply knew had a lot of information. After being lugged home, that volume turned out to have only one fact pertaining to the topic. Or even worse, the book did not have an index. A student spent hours skimming through hundreds of pages looking for notes.

Ways of collecting notes differed from student to student. One technique consisted of copying sentences and paragraphs directly from a resource. Jotting down phrases and words allowed students a quicker way to take notes. Some books were filled with pencilled-in notes long the margins, underlined or highlighted material, and dog-eared pages.

"I always highlight. My book is a multi-colored rainbow," said junior Holly Daniel.

Of course, many teachers required that notes be written on 3x5 index cards. That method helped to lower disorganization.

Once students finished all the research of a topic, they usually took a quick breath of relief and started working on an outline. Outlines organized information for one of the final steps in doing a paper, writing. Rough draft followed rough draft as students worked towards the final copy. All of the time spent collecting notes seemed to pay off.

"Last year, I was stuck in the library trying to put information on those little index cards so long that I forgot what the outside world was like," said senior Debby Dixon.

Melinda Everett

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Gathering sources for research, senior Joe Register pulls a book from the reference section.

Filing cards, junior Terry Parker and librarian Mrs. Newton prepare to help students to check books in and out of the library.

Filling in . . . the gaps

cademics has always played an important part in the building of a high school student into a young adult. The state school board decided a tougher curriculum would benefit the student as well as the community and produce a more rounded high school graduate.

The graduation requirements changed from 18 units to 20 units beginning with the class of 1986. The addition of an extra unit of mathematics and social sciences completed the new curriculum. The lack of knowledge that many high school graduates have in these areas has contributed greatly to the changes in these policies.

Though several changes took place in the number of units required to graduate, some things will never change, such as the requirement of four units of English in order to receive a diploma. Every student is required to take one unit of English each year. English is important because "a student needs to be able to speak and write complete sentences and present himself so he does not appear uneducated. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening are essential in our world," English teacher Ann Ruggiero said.

"A student needs to be able to communicate and understand the English language," English teacher Betty Hardy said.

Students applying to colleges may have found it difficult to meet the requirements in the past, but hopefully with these additions this will no longer hold true. Most colleges require a registering student to have 4 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 2 units of science, 2 units of social sciences, and 2 units of foreign language. By adding 2 units of required academic courses, students will limit the number of electives that they are able to participate in.

"Sometimes there was so much to choose from, I didn't know which courses to take, but I think over all, the toughest academic courses have benefited me the most," senior Jake Parrott said.

Debby Dixon

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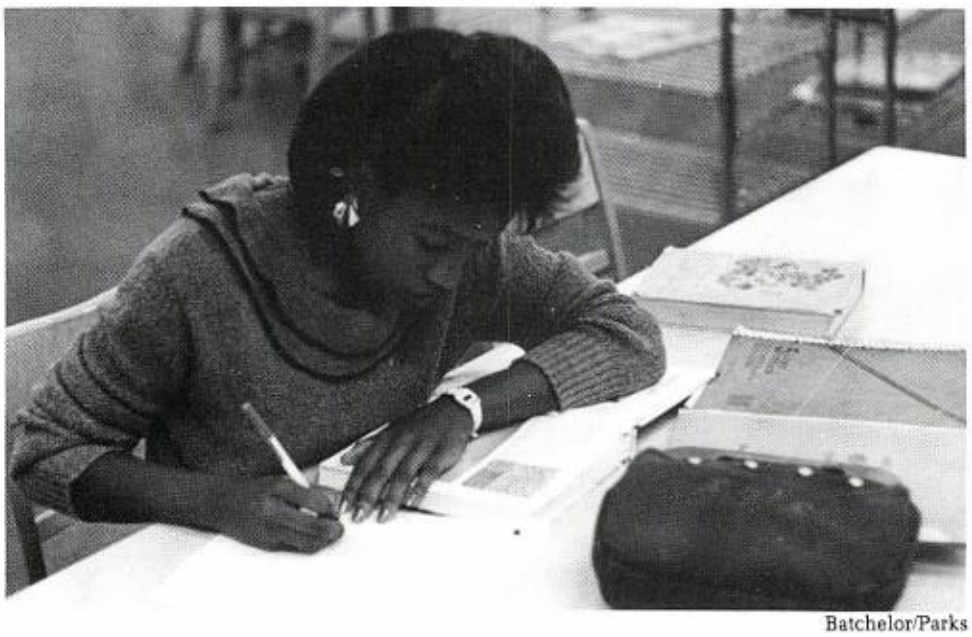

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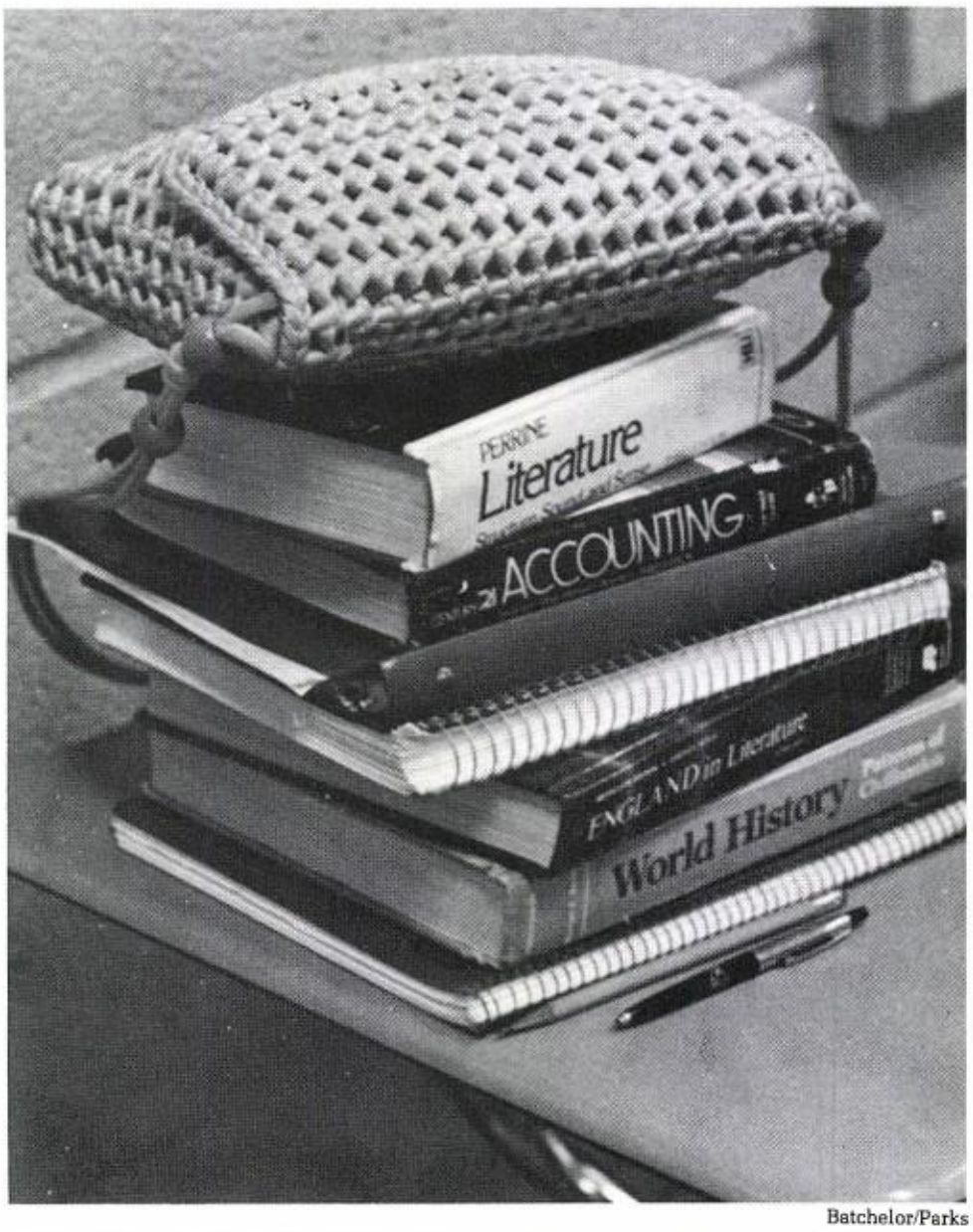
Diligently working on a French assignment, junior Sharon Pittman works to beat the clock.



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Stacks of books are a typical sight at the end of each school day.

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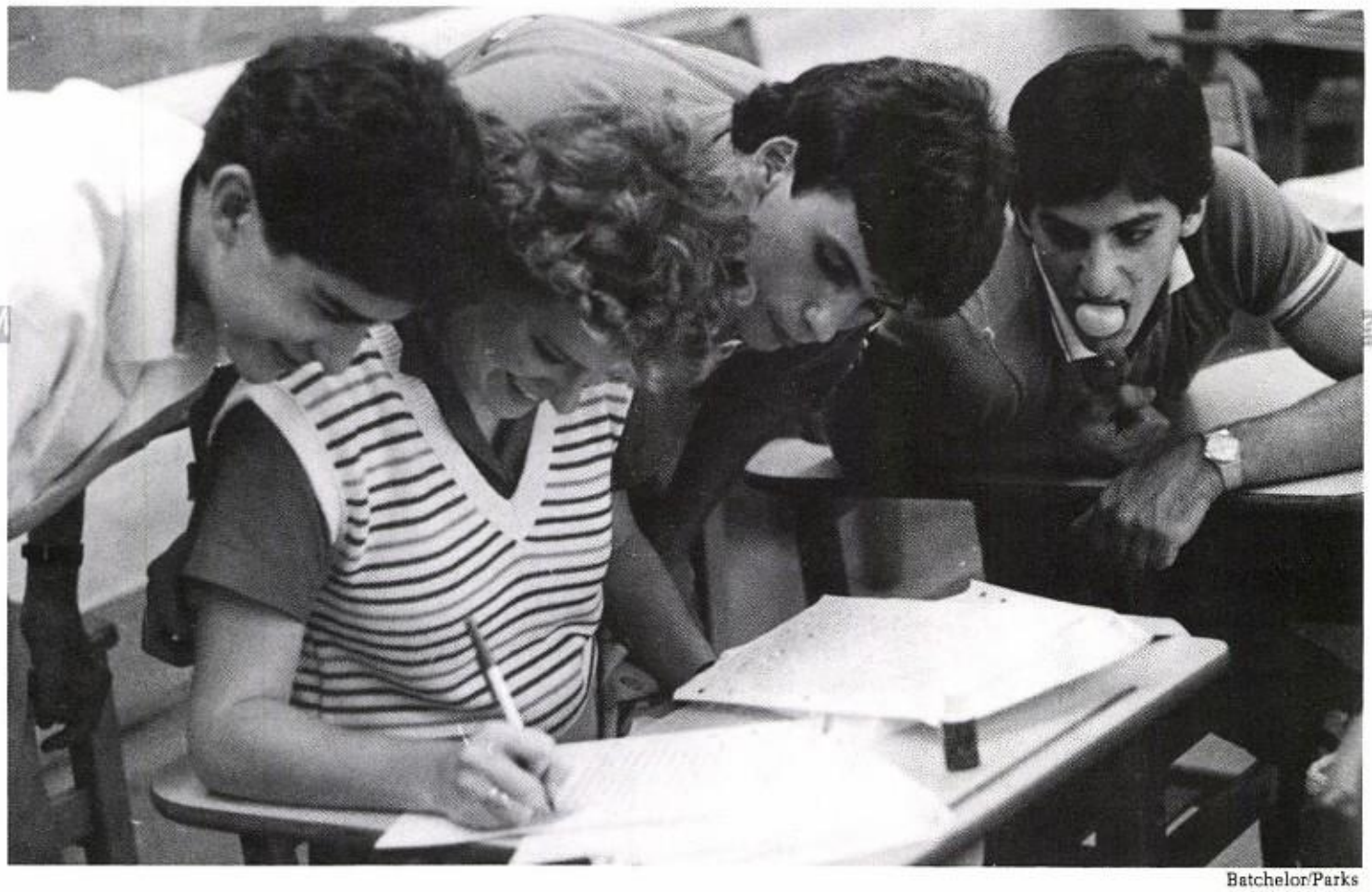
Contemplating Mrs. Joyce Colwell's bulletin board, sophomore Cathy Carmody reads over the requirements to graduate.



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A group effort is much more fun and sometimes extremely helpful find Sam Etheridge, Rebecca Garrison, Matthew Westcott, and Mark Schiewe.

Working intently on their chemistry experiment, Matt Barnes and Frederick Bone practice using the bunsen burner.

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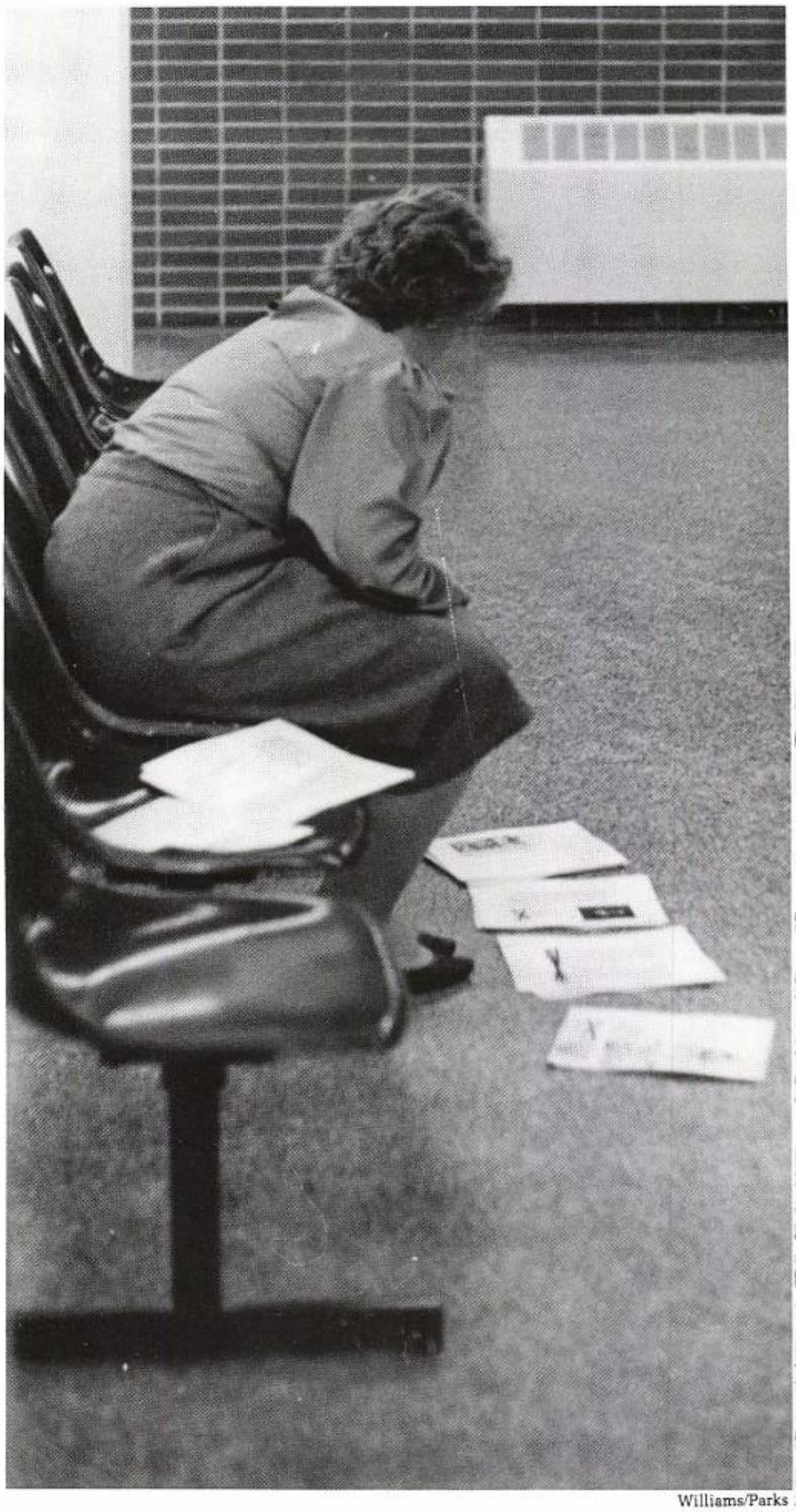
Sitting in the halls during her study period, senior Amy Boehm is making extra sure she has all her materials for her next class.



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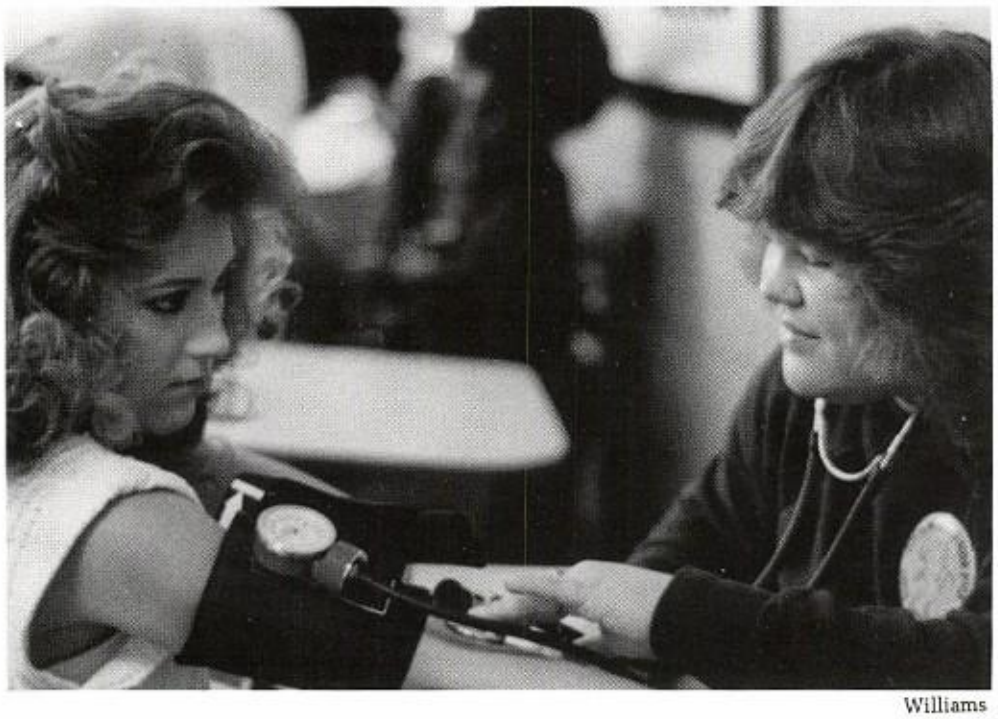
Showing her health occupations skills, senior Carol Conway takes senior Amy Croom's blood pressure.



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Checking it out . . . and all around

Everyday students checked out books in the library. Students were assigned numerous amounts of books to read a year. Some students forgot about having library books; therefore, they had to pay a fine.

Eventually overdue books added up. Some students checked out books, stashed them in their lockers, or left them at home; and some threw them in the trunk of their car until the end of school. Then they hoped for a fine-free day before exams, in order to avoid large fines.

Computer programming students had a different way of "checking it out." They had to write a program full of commands and hope everything fell into place, since all phases of a program depended on each other.

"When I check out a program I feel bad because they are usually wrong when I write them," junior Steve Settlemyre said.

"The computer usually tells me in which line the error is, but it does not tell me how to write it correctly," sophomore Candace Jones said.

The Health Occupations class was taught how to check it out, too. They checked heart rates to see if the heart was beating correctly. They checked blood pressure to see if it were high, low, or normal. This class was helpful to students who were interested in the medical field.

As a volunteer project, the Health Occupations class helped the Red Cross when it came to Senior High. Health Occupations students checked the temperature, and pulse. But checking blood pressure was a little more difficult and a little bit more serious.

Melody Williams

Riddick

Johnson

Is it really Superman? No. It's just a typical New Yorker checking out former Assistant Principal Wayne Doll as he chaperones Deborah Wilson's social studies classes to New York City.

Participating in the 1984 elections is one of the pleasures of being in Mr. Cutts' social studies classes.

Hacking away at the computer terminal, senior Josh Smathers gets a little help from Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins.

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Remembering safety first, junior Lamont Warren uses a hand saw to put the finishing touches on his shop project.

Parks/Hicks

More than just another course

side from the basic, required courses, students had the opportunity to take classes which gave them new skills and new experiences. Because these courses offered extra benefits to the students who took them, they required dedication, motivation, determination, and just plain hard work. They were more than just another course.

Daily participation in such classes as art, drama, foreign language, or journalism had the ability to influence students in ways that may have an effect upon their future, as well as provide an outlet for creativity.

"Drama was different than my other classes because in drama, I could express myself in ways I couldn't in other classes," said junior John Kurtz.

Another example of an exceptional class was found in foreign language, which taught basic knowledge about the language and customs of other countries, thus promoting a better attitude and understanding among nations.

"I feel a little less foreign toward our overseas neighbors now, thanks to my two years of learning all about France," said junior Wendy Beabout.

As well as drama, art, and foreign language, vocational courses offered a wide range of skills that were slightly above the regular classroom agenda. By learning about such important things as how to manage finances to make the right decisions, students gained the confidence necessary to look forward to a bright future.

Holley Daniel

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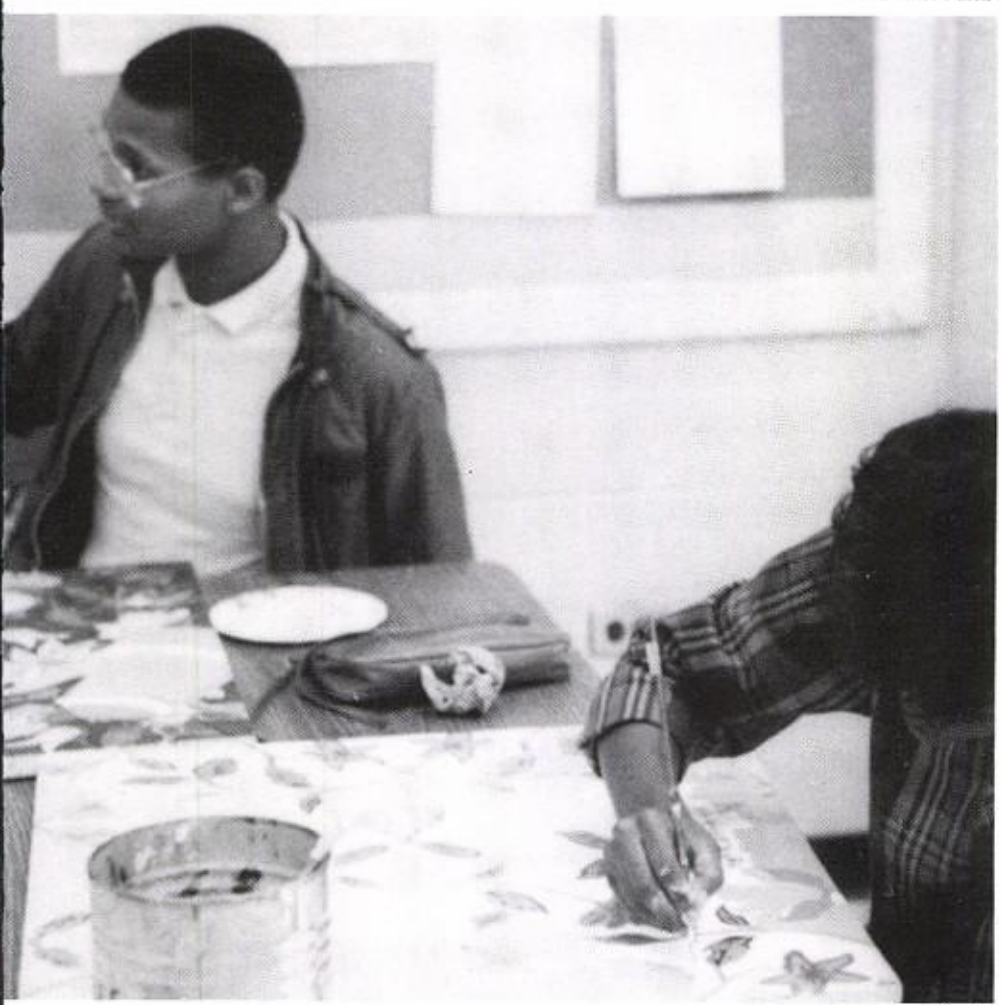

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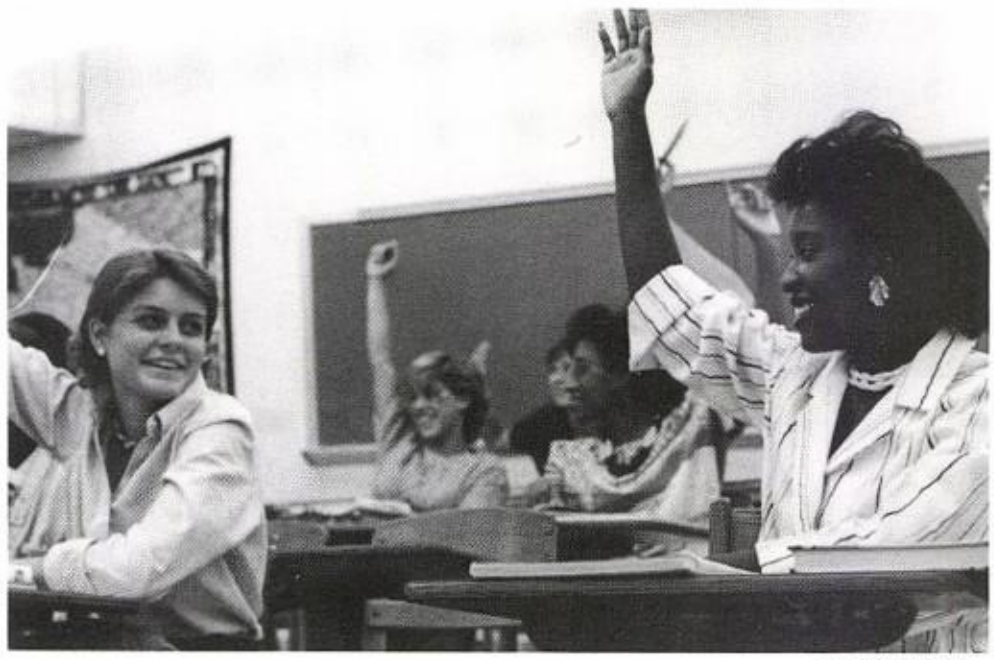

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Finishing up a tasty treat, senior Karen Sumner learns how to prepare and serve food in her home economics class.

"Pretty as a picture." Seniors Lisa Barnes and David Cherry learn important skills for painting in art.

"I know the answer!" Junior Sharon Pittman and sophomore Jennifer Coleman enjoy the exciting atmosphere of an interesting course.

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More than a cliche

ractice makes perfect? Rocky Mount Senior High students certainly found this quite a favorable expression. Athletes were known to practice daily, but students in academic courses practiced also and even more so at times.

In the music department the choral music class met daily for practice. "We only have an hour a day, but we try to use our time wisely," senior Antonia Fox said. The choral music class had a fairly small group this year but gave successful performances.

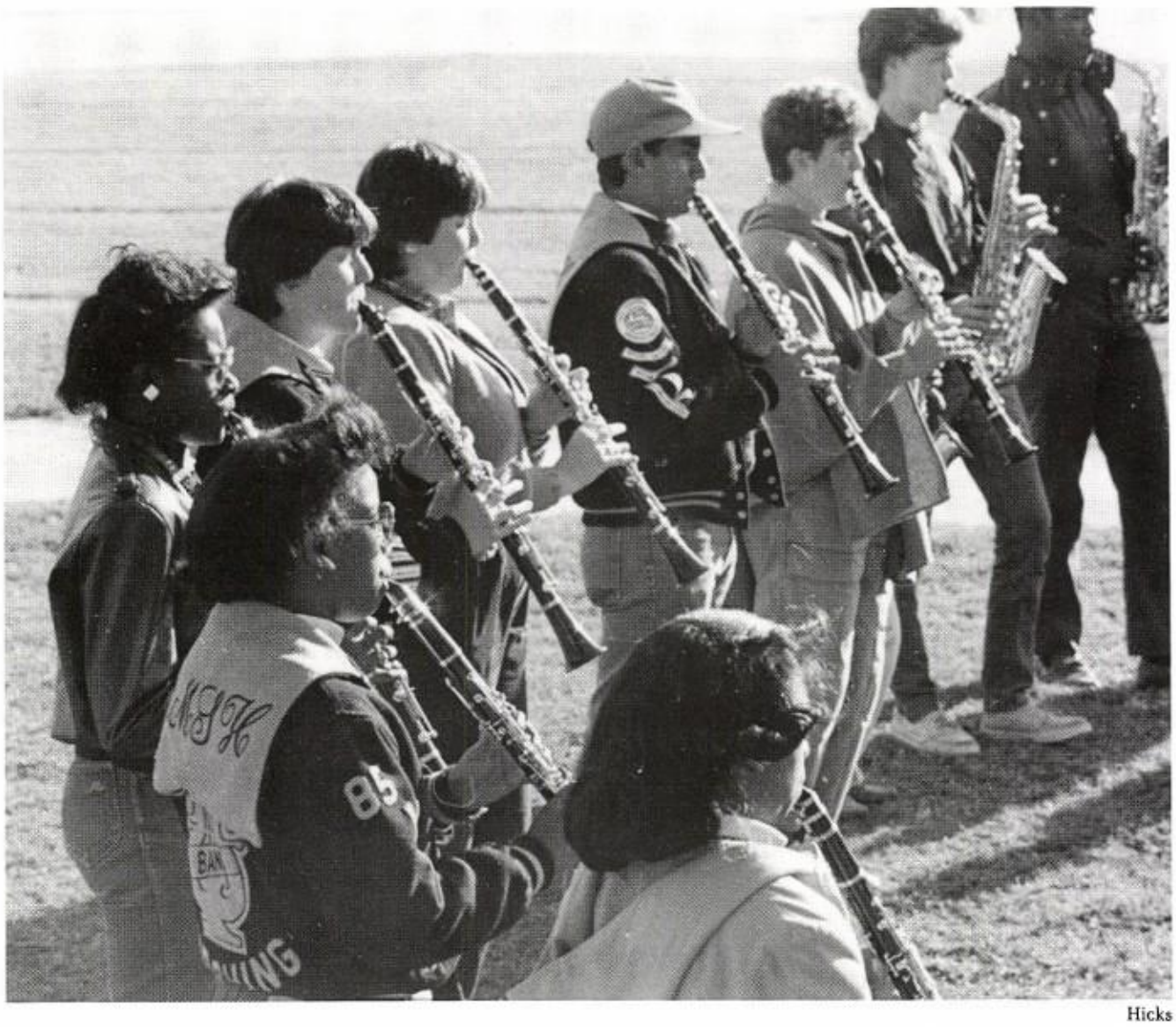
"If I could only find the keys fast enough!" senior Dawn Turnley said. This seemed to be the often heard response of many typing students this year. The typing classes were well-filled this year and a big part of the academic schedule. Some students even resulted in practicing on their parent's typewriters at home.

While preparing for skits to be performed, the drama students practiced during class time each day. "We had a large group and had to get things organized in a short time of practice," senior Tom Shannon said. The drama class performed some skits at the beginning of the year and also over Christmas.

Last, but definitely not least, were the practice hours put in by the marching band students. Every day after school, on weekends, and even on holidays, the students could be seen somewhere around the school working.

"Even though the practices were long and hard, the reward was well worth the time and effort." junior Kristi Elliot said.

— Shannon Gallagher —



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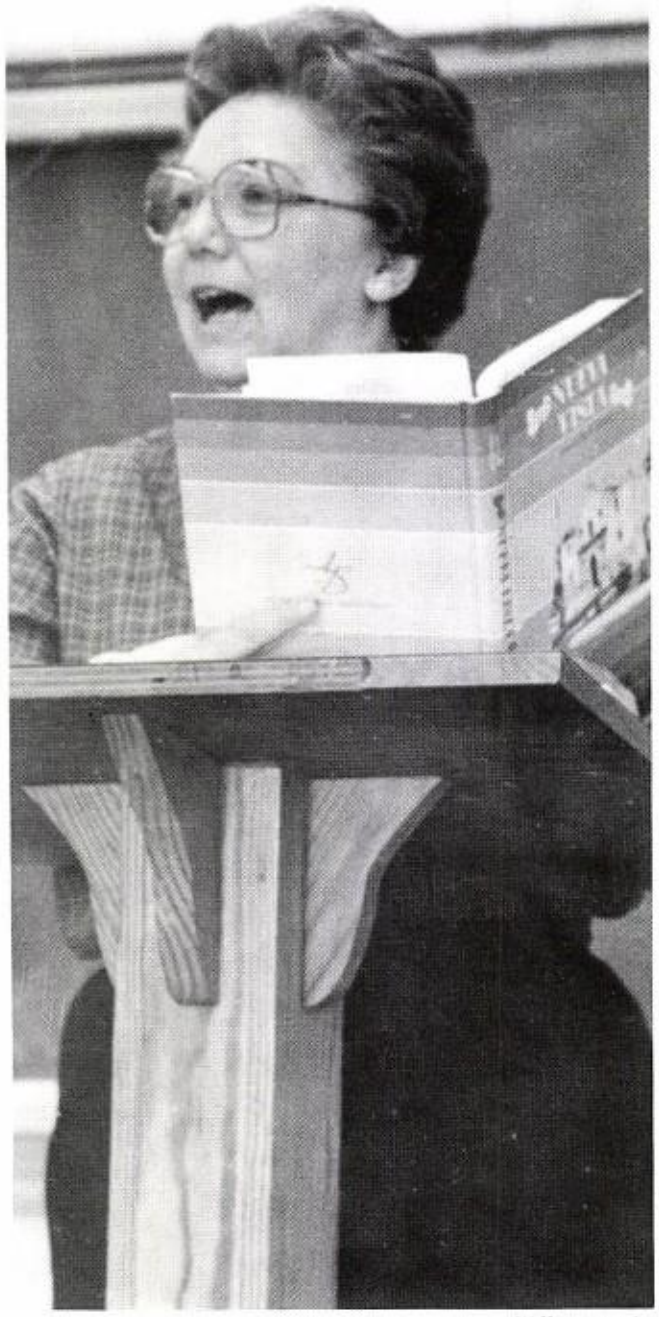
Hitting all the right notes, the clarinet and saxophone players practice with the band.



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Teaching her Spanish students, Mrs. Suzanne Sifford reviews the assignment given.

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Members of the Chamber Choir are: Connell Pitts, Antonio Fox, Jeff Bulluck, Sylvia Lancaster, Evelyn Draughn, Wanda Alston, Melvin Mayo, Sean Barnes, Todd Hinson, and Jimmy Ezzell.

Williams

Listening carefully for instructions, Harry Kane and Alex Cook prepare to type an exercise.

Practicing a skit, a few drama students play out their parts during class.

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More than just another course

Not all education comes from a textbook, as students in various courses discovered. They learned by doing and by aiding the school and community. With much hard work, the students made these electives successful.

Health Occupations, taught by Mrs. Margie Brantley, enabled students to select careers in the health care delivery system. It also enabled male and female students to prepare for immediate employment as health assistants with entry level skills.

Miss Aletha Hudson taught Drama I and Drama II as a combined class. Most of the work was done out of the textbook, but the students also did performances on occasion.

Some of the members performed at the Fountain Correctional Center on October 2. Skits presented were **The Daughter, If Thoughts Could Speak,** and **Best Friends.**

Despite busy class and work schedules, some marketing and distributive education students found a few extra hours to help out in the concession stands on Friday nights during football season. Also, some students helped in various booths at the Down East Festival.

Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins and Mrs. Barbara Pierce taught Computer Programming courses. In these courses, students learned to key in information other than grades, such as students' names, addresses, and phone numbers. They also made schedule changes and distributed them throughout the school. Some programming students designed programs to help the school run more efficiently. Keeping library fees paid, keeping track of where students were during study periods, and even the bus drivers' time cards were some of the tasks they hoped to have accomplished in the future.

Shannon Gallagher

Preparing for a long batchelorhood! Senior Roney Harris tries out a mixer in Home Economics.

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Members of the dramatics classes are: **FRONT ROW:** Aletha Hudson, instructor, Tif McCarter. **SECOND ROW:** Angela Greene, Tanya Bell, Tom Shannon, Nancy Lee, Karen Cantrell, and Sherry Griffin. **THIRD ROW:** Frankie Hart, John Kurtz, Cynthia Cooper, Pam Gregg, Shelton Grant, Lawrence Taylor, John Kimbrell. **TOP ROW:** John Barrett, Jeffrey Davis, Vanessa Trevathan, Rudolph Cabbagestalk, Carol Whitaker, Harry White, Scott Williams, John Jordan, and Freddie Allen.

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Seeking help on a touch program, senior Virginia Iler gets help from Mrs. Pierce during computer class.

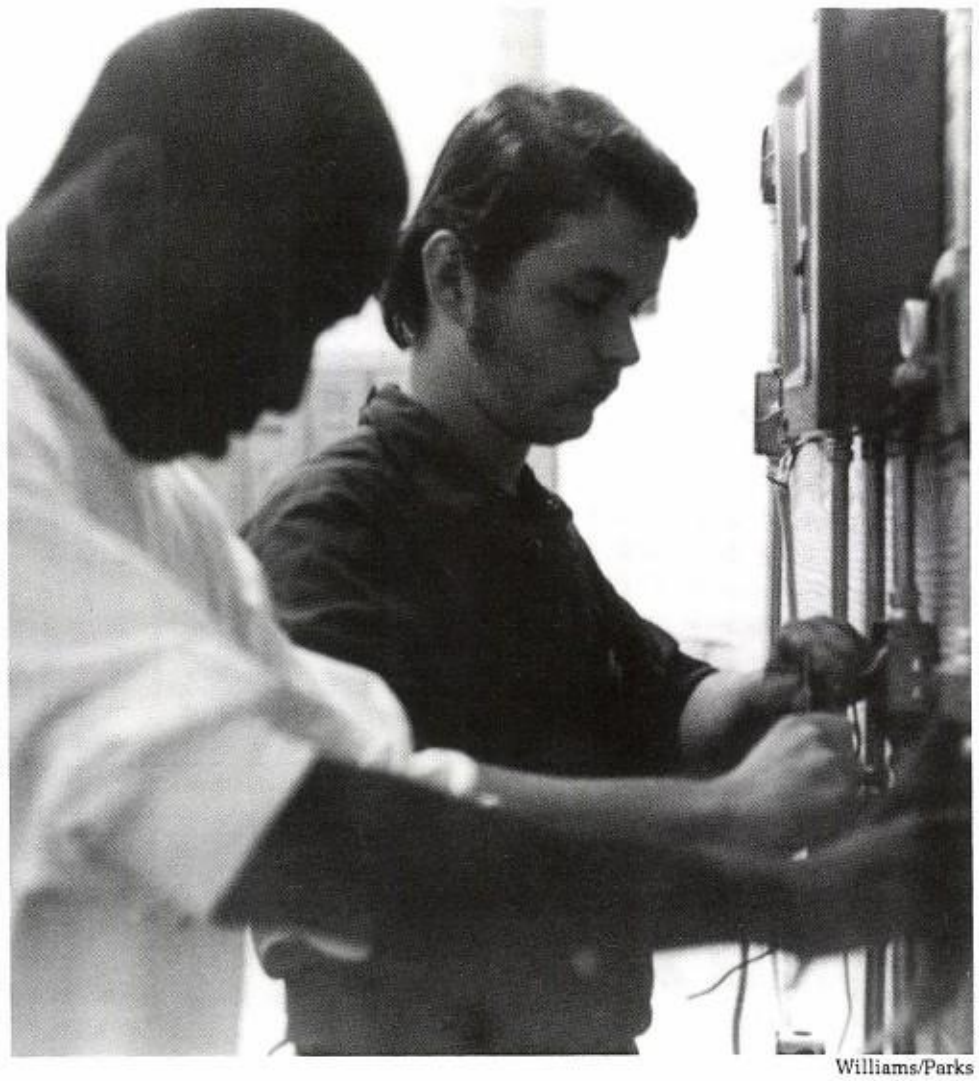
Williams/Parks

"Can I help you?" sophomore Gretchen Davis asks fans taking a break from the football game.

Getting a good check-up, senior Betty Barfield sits patiently while her pulse and blood pressure are taken by Mrs. Margie Brantley and Mr. Robert Hines.

Troubleshooters Raymond Crandell and Aubrey Holloman work intensely to correct an electrical problem.

Skillfully employing the vast knowledge of Impressionism painting to his work, senior Mike Kanai does it right the first time.



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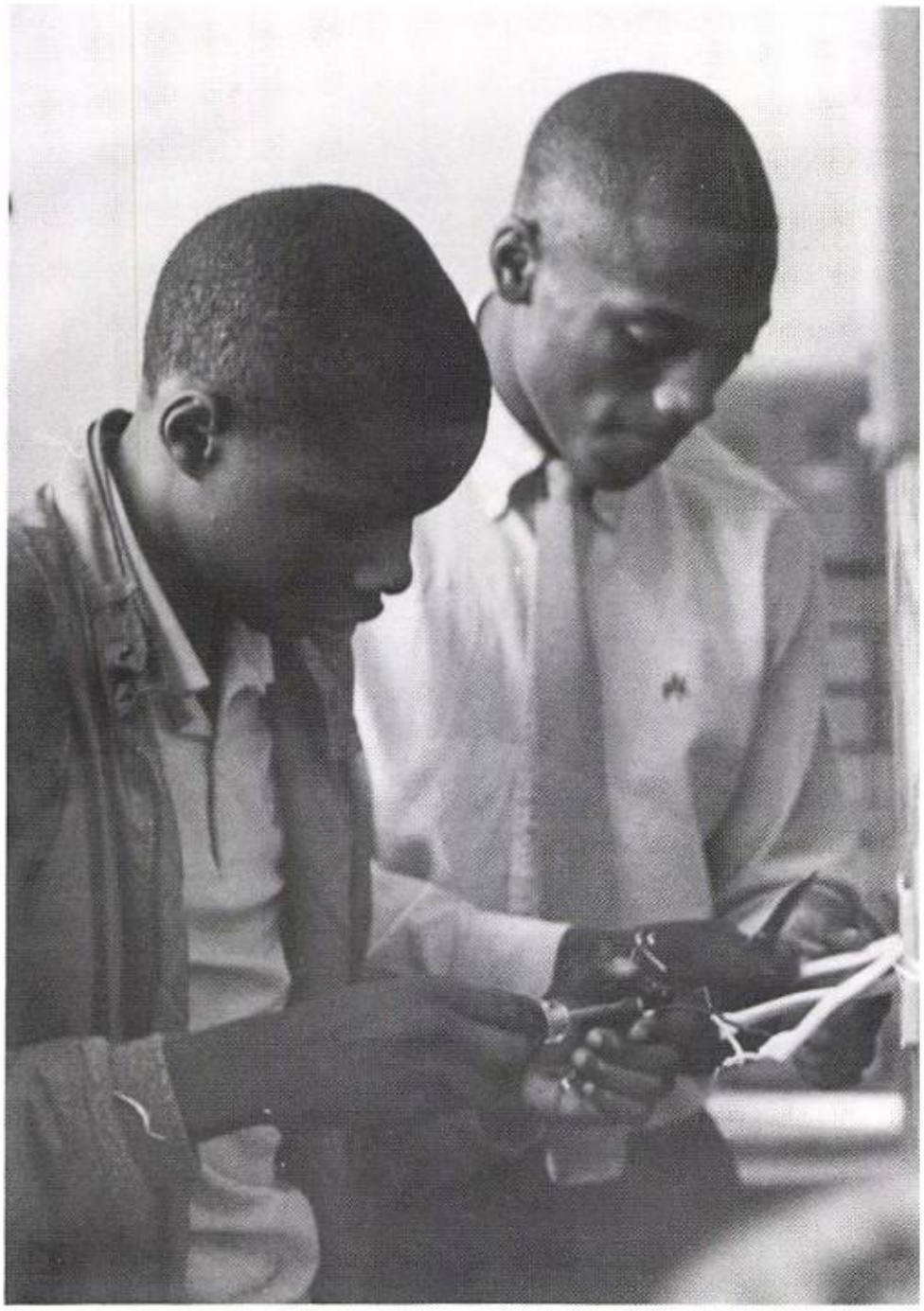

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Admiring their handiwork

ey, look at what I've done!" exclaimed a proud student as he realized that his project was finished for all to see.

Students past and present enrolled in elective courses that prepared them for a future position in the working world.

Technical classes such as Blue Printing and Auto mechanics presented the student with the chance to learn a skill and produce a lasting piece of work. These courses gave the student a firm sense of accomplishment.

Students in Art I started out by learning the tricks of the trade and by putting them into action.

Art II and III classes worked on a more spontanious level. Employing their knowledge of art and design into projects, they have produced stunning pieces of work along with valued honors.

"Art II helped me to build upon my present skills as an artist, and to excel at my present state of artistic talent," Alice Whicker said.

Classes in the area of Computer Programming trained the students to operate data processing equipment, and to write programs using ths equipment at hand.

"Computer Programming helped me to prepare for my college education, and to discover if I truly liked the computer field in general," said David Hollar.

In the area of electrical wiring, Electricity I and II enabled students to become familiar with the tools of the trade, in the application of electrical circuits in simulated working areas.

Cabinetmaking, designed to increase the student's skills in woodworking and hand tool usage, drew the interest of a great number of craftsmen, all of whom now know a skill that can be profitable as well as enjoyable.

Jim Horton

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Maurice Horton and Pete Davis utilize their skills in electricity by working in simulated areas.

"Decisions! Decisions! things artist Todd Best as he skillfully mixes his paints.

Deadlines and decisions are daily crises in journalism. Circulation manager, junior Rita Tucker, confers with Editor-in-Chief Jake Parrott about the number of copies of the latest issue of the **Gryphon** to be sent to each homeroom.

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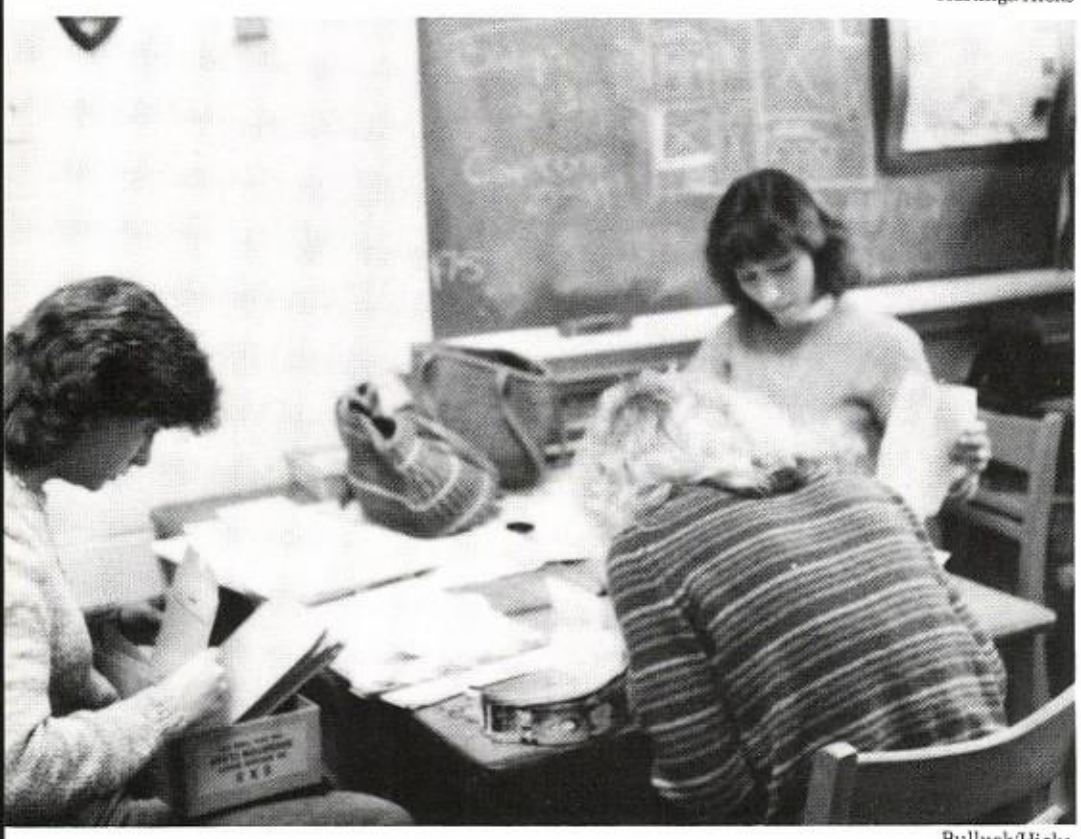
Keeping accurate count on a cold afternoon is a difficult task, but the drum section manages to do it anyway.



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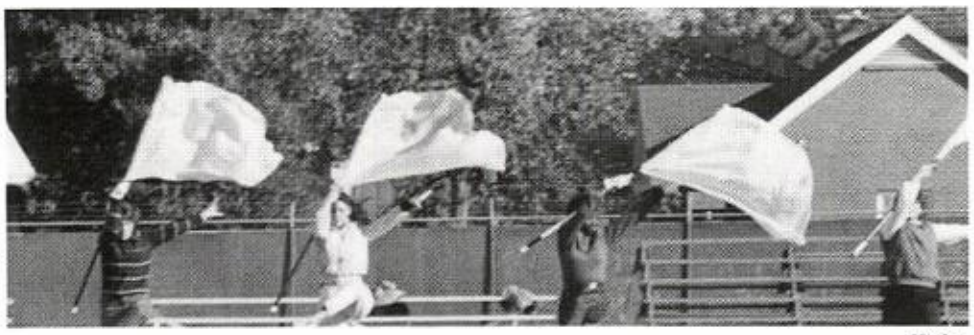

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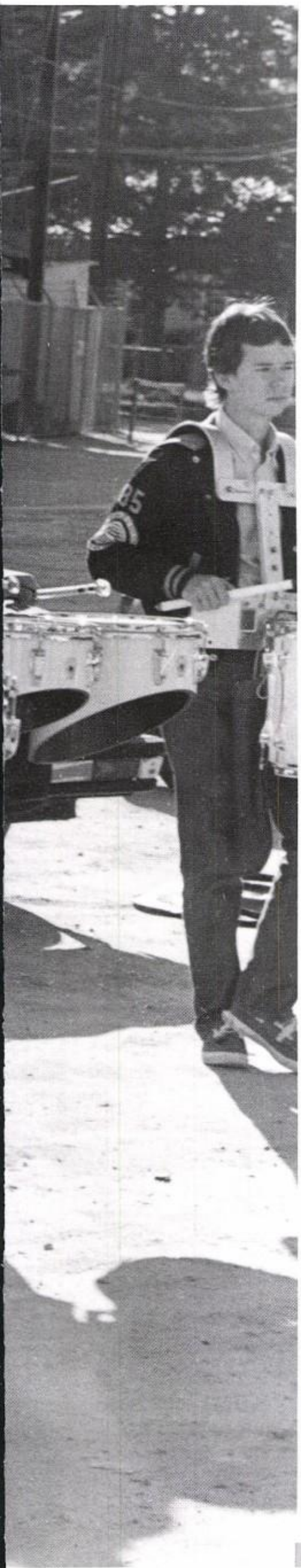
Racing the clock to beat that ever-present publishing company deadline, seniors Cindy Wise, Lou Ann Oakley, and Lynn Hastings sort through individual pictures. Identification, spelling, alphabetization, layout, and organization must be as precise as possible for the **Hi-Noc-Ar.**

Synchronization is the only way to have a nationally-ranked colorguard, band members realize as they go through their routine for the 24th time.

Distributive Education Industrial Cooperative Training

Schooltime after hours



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As the last bell rang at 3:10, the majority of students rushed to the parking lot and went home. Several students could not rush home. Those were the students involved in activities such as Distributive Education and Industrial Cooperative Training.

DE and ICT students had already left before 3:10 in order to reach their after-school jobs. Students in those courses were required to work 15 hours a week for at least 30 weeks at an after-school job that would prepare them for the working world.

Students involved in journalism had to work many hours after the 3:10 bell, too. The students had to work as long as it took to meet their final deadlines. Failure to do so could have caused the newspaper to come out late or the yearbook to come out in July.

Band members worked uncountable hours after school. In order to be number one, band members worked extra hours.

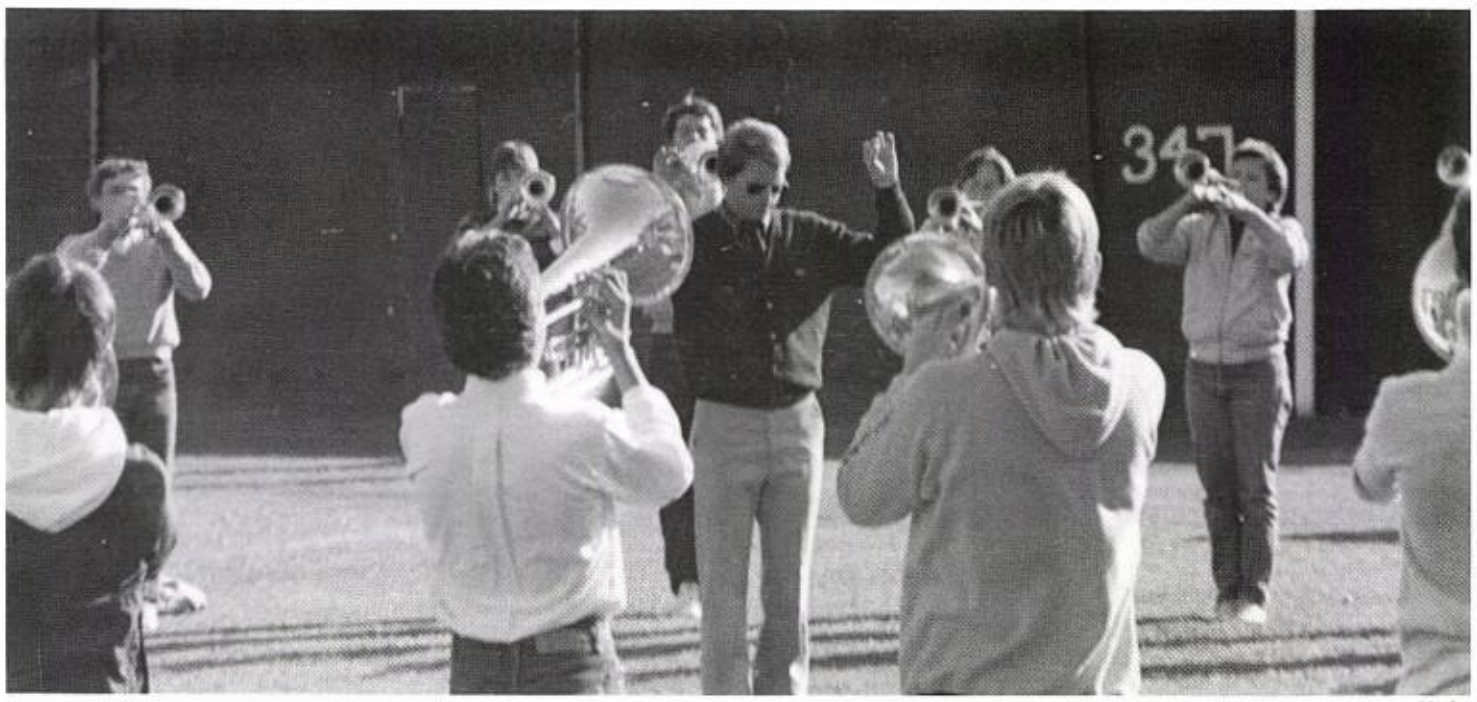
If it were 110° or -30°, the marching Gryphons marched together up and down the field as many times as it took to reach perfection.

"Band is a great organization. You learn discipline and how to get along with others. These qualities and others, like talent and the will to work towards one goal, help put forth a great show. Band takes up a great deal of time, but it also helps you to learn to budget your time so you can do your homework and practice, also. The giving up of your time to practice pays off when we march on the field to compete. The competition is tough, but it feels great to be a winner," senior band member Katherine Wiggins said.

All students in one of these courses were all willing to work hard and long hours, even if it demanded after-school hours, just to achieve perfection. Why did they do it? Why were they willing to work so hard for a course that was not even required? It was not because they were crazy; it was because they enjoyed a challenge. They were all interested in achieving a feeling of accomplishment.

Seniors Cindy Wise and Debby Dixon, **Hi-Noc-Ar** staff members, agreed that " . . . it will be rewarding to look back in several years and see the book we helped write."

Lynn Hastings



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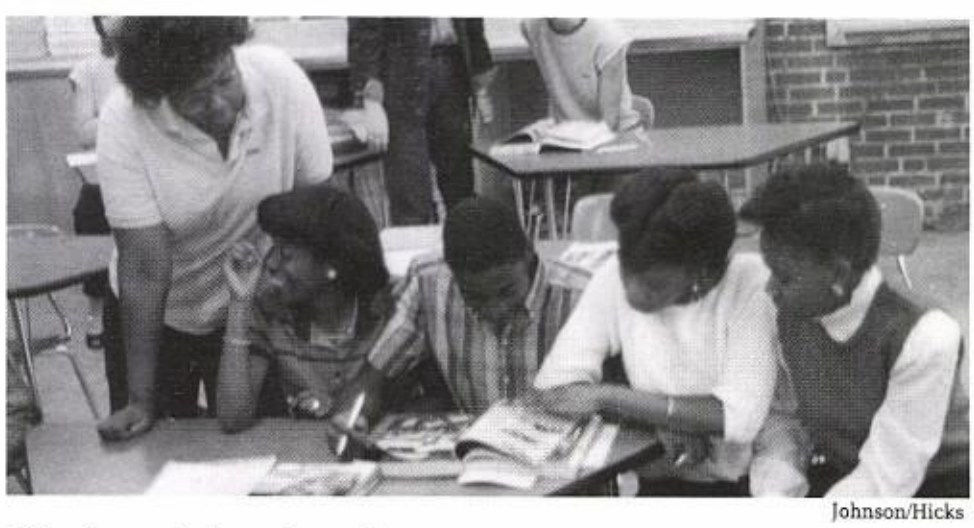

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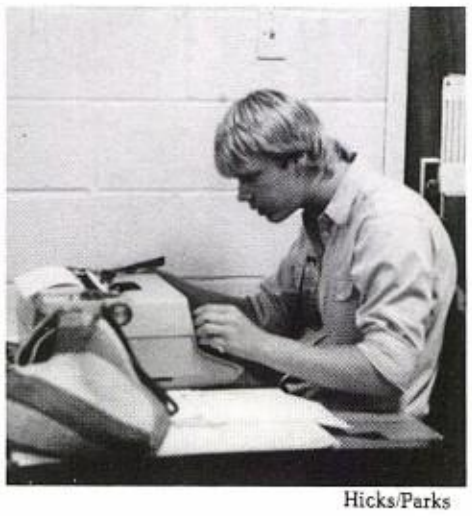
Warming up before a long afternoon of practice the brass section strives for perfection.

Discussing D.E. activities are Robin Exumn, Wanda Charles, Sebastian Farmer, Kim Weaver, and Deatrice Tillman.



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In a rare moment after school senior Brad Batchelor is trying to learn the keys to his typewriter before his copy is due.

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Sports

Putting the pieces together

From the baseball diamond to the football field, Rocky Mount had its yearly quota of triumphs and tragedies. Like all other aspects of our school year, the athletic seasons proved to be inside out.

The football team managed to regain its old form while compiling a 7-3 record and a second-place finish in the big 8 conference. The Gryphs also managed to break into the state polls for the first time since 1983. Baseball also kept its form as the Gryphs cruised to the second round of the state playoffs only to be beaten by the future state champions Richland Co. The wrestling team proved themselves the best in the conference by taking the team championship from Wilson Fike. It was the basketball team that broke with tradition. Plagued with disciplinary problems and academic probations, the varsity basketball team suffered through a dismal season.

While many Rocky Mount teams found a place for themselves in the sun, other teams turned tradition inside out.

— Sandy Roberson —

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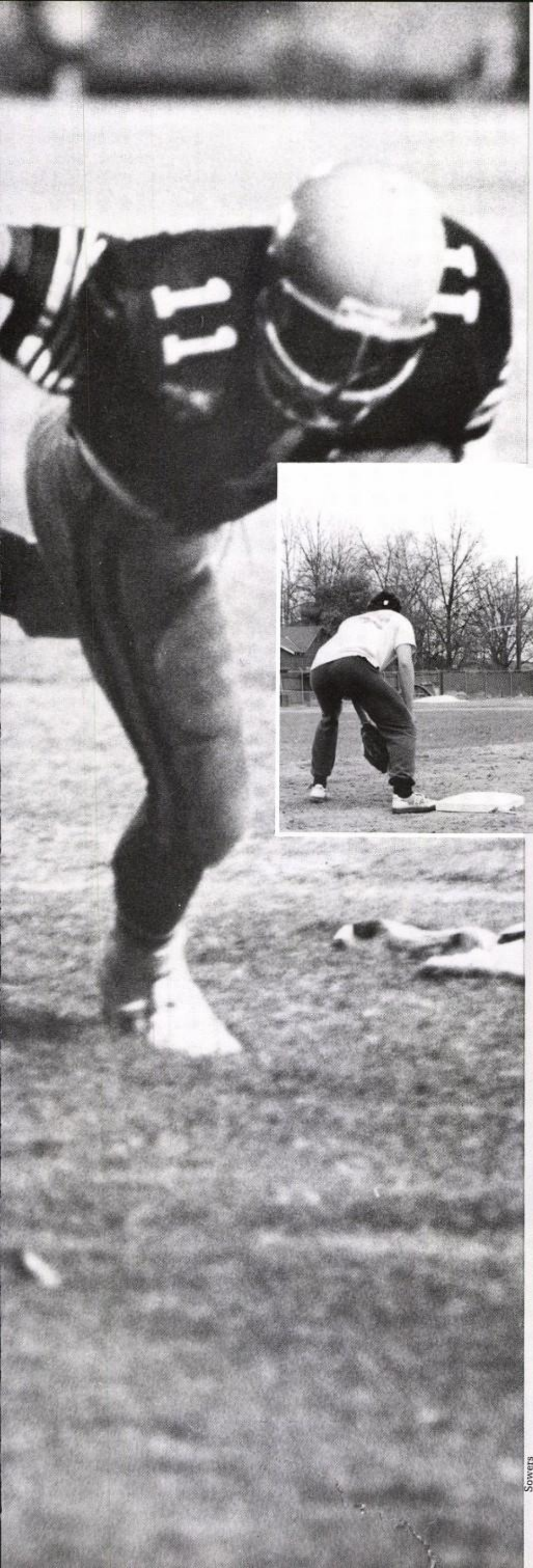
Watching intently, junior Kevin Cox prepares to tee-off next.



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Sowers

Attempting to get a good lead on the catcher junior Scott Proctor works on his base running in practice.

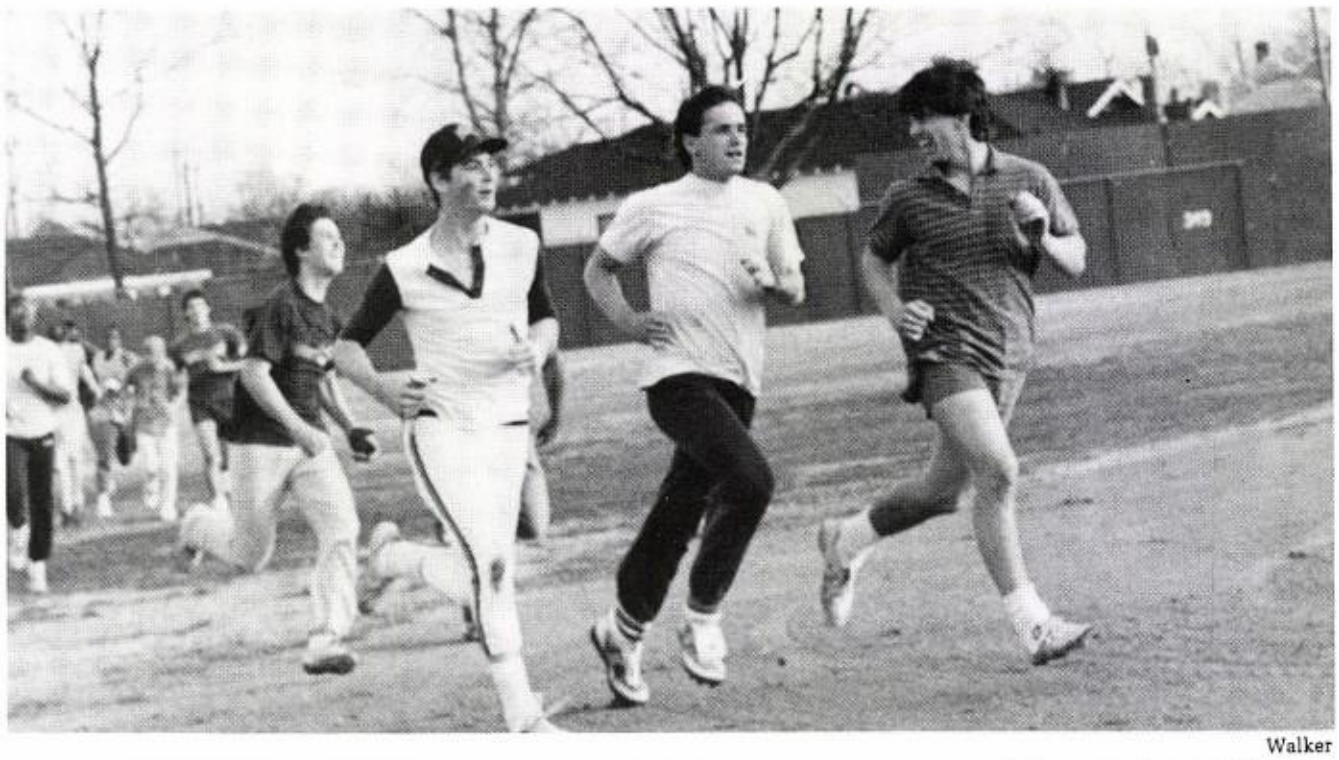
Keeping his balance, senior Terrance Dickens keeps his balance during a run in the Rocky Mount-Northern Nash game.

B.S!

It's been a great Sophomore year for me and I hope you've had the ultimate Senior year!. I've really enjoyed getting to know you this year. We've had lots of good times together since day one till just yesterday when we played "Egg" in the parking lot. I hope we can continue to have good times. We were pretly close at one time this year but that was because we shared something in common, M.S! We (all three of us) shared alot. I was constantly talking to the born of you about each other & Remember our little scheme to get her to date you! I had a great time chatting with you all those times. I hope we will still have some more chats next year when you go off to Texas! (By the way I'm going to miss you tremendously you always cheer me up and make me feel much better about myself like when someone scored on me) → in soccer Ha! you helped me out alot! To tell you the truth I knew all along I was the best damn goalie they had! Just kidding, that isn't much of a compliment considering that I was the only goalie! I hope to see you alot this summer! Good Luck in Texas and what ever you do! Have a great summer!

Take care! Love ya!

Lassanna Rowe



Jogging after practice, seniors Roney Harris and Scott Tulloss and junior Scott Woodcock lead the group in the final lap.

Reaching for first base, junior Donnie Bobbitt runs his hardest in a conference game.

Walker

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Showing frustration with the umpires, coach Chesson and Kelly come out to the mound for a conference.

Lancaster/Walker

Walker

Going up for a leaping catch, junior Jeff Carter adapts from playing second to first in an afternoon practice.

Brenty This has been a great year for all "Mighty Seniors". I truly hope you achieve all goals in your life after June 7. I will be leaving and going to the Airforce.

Friends,
Ray Woodruff
Class of '85

Playing with heart
Young team posts impressive record

The 1983-84 varsity baseball team had an excellent season and the most successful outing since the 1980 team, which won the state championship. The team overcame the problem of inexperience and managed to post a very impressive 17 and 8 record.

"Though at times we lacked pitching, the consistent play of some other players pulled us through," said junior Jeff Carter.

Due to the consistent play of Neil Avent and some excellent pitching performances by Donnie Bobbitt, the team managed to take the Big East conference title and advance to the second round of the state playoffs before being knocked off by nationally-ranked New Hanover.

"Talent wise, the conference was balanced, but we played with more heart and enthusiasm than any other team."

— Neil Avent

Though the Gryphs had problems at times with batting and fielding, they somehow managed to end the season successfully.

Senior Neil Avent summed up the 1984 season, "Talent wise, the conference was balanced, but we played with more heart and enthusiasm than any other team."

Michael Walker

Members of the varsity baseball team are: **FRONT ROW:** Mike Morris, Scott Tulloss, Cedric Bullock, Michael Doyle, Neil Avent, Juan Chesson, **SECOND ROW:** Roney Harris, Donnie Bobbitt, J.R. Johnson, Jerry Edwards, Scott Proctor, Mike Edwards, Anthony Robbins, McIver Garrison, **TOP ROW:** Coach Shelton Chesson, Shelton Grant, Jeff Carter, James Avent, Aaron Jones, Ernie Suggs, Brian James, Trainer Bernie Capps.

Making the connection

Advancing to state play-offs

The varsity baseball team had a new atmosphere when the '84 season rolled around; the coaching staff was reversed making coach Shelton Chesson the new varsity coach.

"I feel that which ever way the coaching staff is arranged we are still a great team because both coach Chesson and coach Kelley are excellent coaches," junior Donnie Bobbitt said.

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— Donnie Bobbitt

With all the changes of the '84 season the team managed to pull through and play some excellent games. As the season progressed, many of the players showed great improvement in hitting and fielding; due to this, players such as juniors Jeff Carter and Derreck Sessoms moved up to the varsity level.

The team lost conference games in the first part of the season, but steadily improved during the second half of the season. While practicing, such remarks as "Push harder," and "You don't want to play baseball!" came from Coach Chesson.

The season came to an end, and the Gryphons reigned as the 4-A conference champions. The title came with much work by the team as a whole, and not just glory for any one individual.

Michael Walker

baseball

RMSH		OPP.
3	Eastern Wayne	9
7	Roanoke Rapids	4
3	Roanoke Rapids	2
6	Enloe	8
3	Eastern Wayne	2
11	Enloe	6
0	Beddingfield	2
0	Greenville	8
9	Northern Nash	9
7	Hunt	2
4	Northeastern	3
7	Kinston	6
5	Fike	2
8	Beddingfield	5
0	Southern Nash	12
6	Tarboro	5
8	Northern Nash	12
4	Greenville	3
11	Northern Nash	9
4	Hunt	1
6	Northeastern	9
2	Kinston	8
7	Fike	6
7	Fike	6
4	Richmond County	2
3	New Hanover	8

Conference 12-2
Overall 18-7

Walker

Relaxing after a hard practice, junior Shelton Grant, senior Cedric Bulluck, junior Scott Proctor and senior Michael Doyle sit on the scoreboard at Municiple Stadium.

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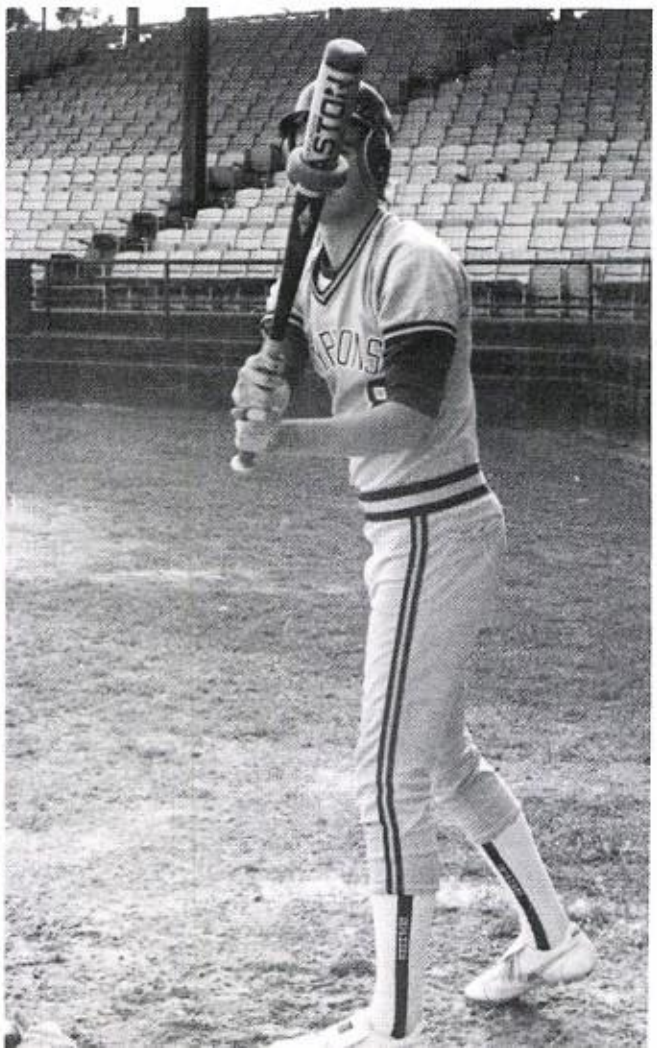
Trying to find that right bat, seniors Michael Doyle and Scott Tulloss search for a bat in the Greenville Rose Game.

Walker



Walker

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Looking intensely for the next pitch, junior Mike Morris prepares to get a hit against Wilson Fike.

Preparing for his next at-bat, junior Hank Jones concentrates on his swing.

With frustration, Roney Harris, Neil Avent, and Cedric Bullock show dismay as their team loses a close conference game.

A road to friendship

Just a little short

"Let's think on the bright side ... We can only improve after last season," Coach Debbie Webb said. Although the girls softball team finished eighth in the big eight conference, posting a 4-12 record, they had their bright spots. Led by the bats of Brenda Spires, Kim Courtney, Mona Powell and Jewell Sharpe, the Lady Gryphons did manage to spoil Wilson Fike's hopes of winning the overall trophy last year. The overall trophy is given to the best school in the conference every year.

"The softball record wasn't great this year, but we developed something better than a winning season, we developed friendships," senior Michelle White said. Even coach Webb commented on the team closeness. "They had as much fun as anybody. They were all good friends."

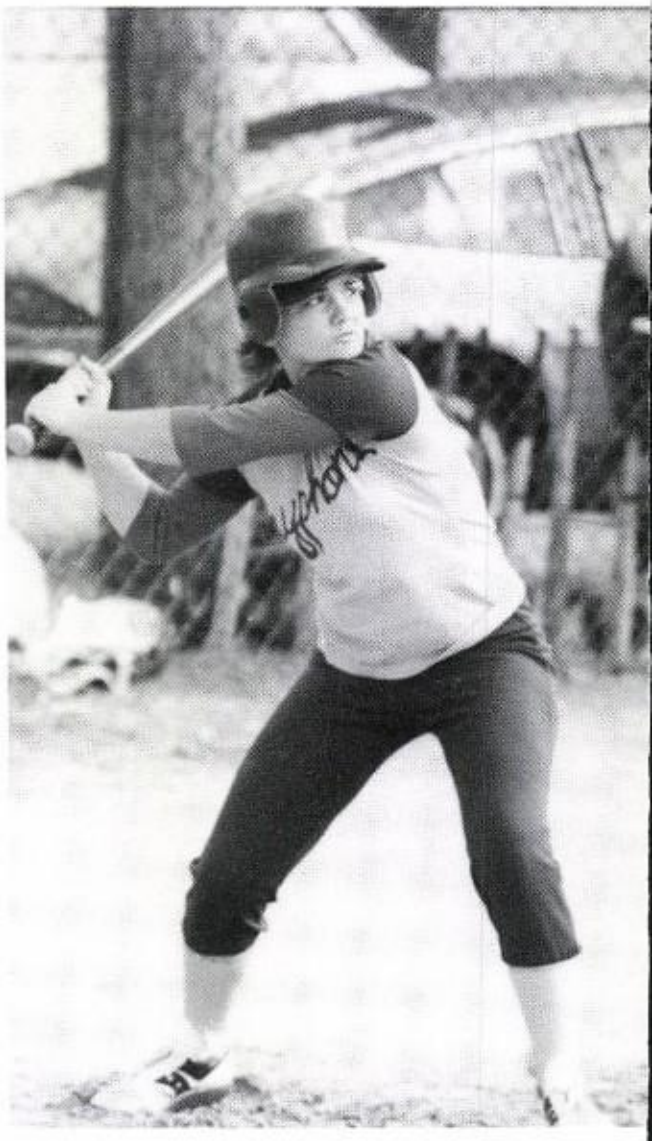
" ... we developed something better than a winning season; we developed friendships"
— Michele White

Sophomore initiation added light moments to our season," senior Jewel Sharpe said. "Sophomore initiation consisted of the 'ice treatment' — placing ice down one another's shirts."

"We were just inexperienced, and I think that the fact that we only had two seniors on the team reflected that," senior Jewel Sharpe explained.

Sandy Roberson

Members of the girls softball team are: **KNEELING:** Andrea McNair, Brenda Spires, Sabah Hamad, Lisa Fagala, Marland Boddie, and Rhonda Fields. **STANDING:** Debra Elinberg, Paula Aycock, Anita Willison, Marsha Coleman, Jewel Sharpe, Michele White, Jackie Daniels, Mona Powell, Mrs. Debbie Webb, and Kendria Arrington.



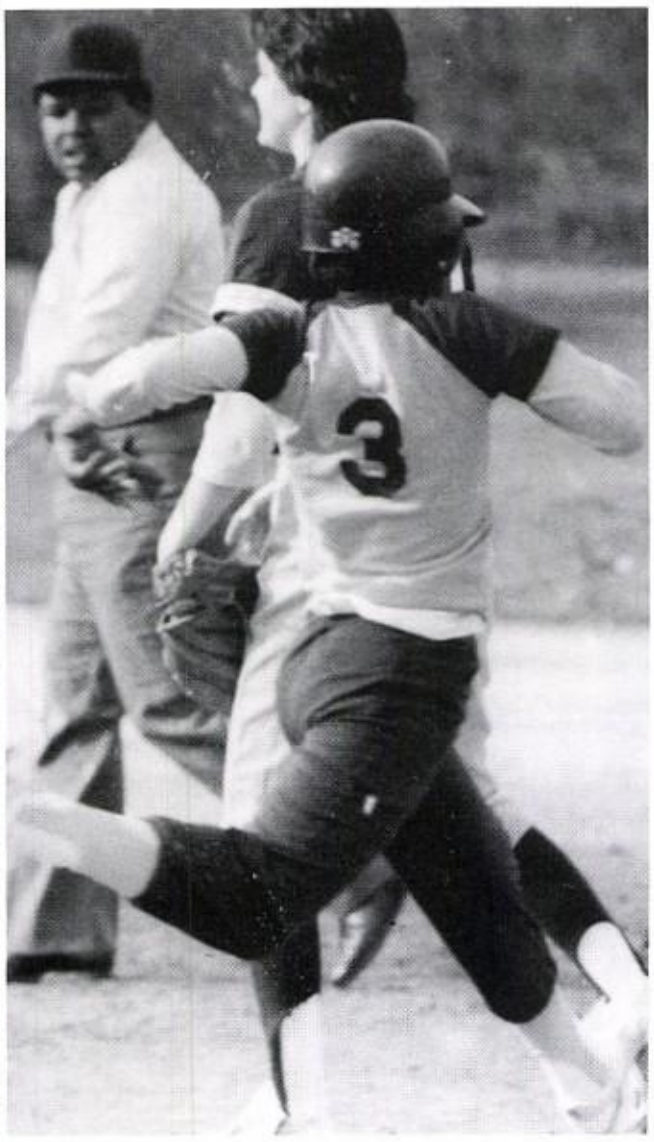
Remembering concentration is the key, junior Brenda Spires keeps her "elbows up and the eyes on the ball" in a futile attempt to come back against Wilson Fike.

softball

RMSH		OPP.
11	North Pitt	3
3	North Pitt	4
1	Beddingfield	9
4	Rose	2
0	Northern Nash	19
3	Hunt	9
9	Northeastern	7
0	Kinston	5
8	Fike	9
0	Beddingfield	6
0	Rose	8
4	Northern Nash	30
10	Hunt	22
2	Northeastern	3
2	Kinston	11
3	Fike	1

Putting her weight into the ball, alumnus Marsha Coleman eyes the outfield fence.

Flashing a 4.6-40, alumnus Andrea McNair safely makes it to first base in a losing effort against Greenville Rose.



Getting a piece of encouragement in a touch game against Wilson Beddingfield, alumnus Paula Aycock sighs with relief at the end of an inning.

Trendy sports become popular

Aerobics . . . the latest fad in sports. As a form of exercise and entertainment, aerobics was a very popular sport. "I enjoy aerobics because it helps me get in shape, it is a lot of fun, and it can be done with friends," senior Virginia Iler said.

Many students became involved in aerobics during the off-season of their sport in school as a way to remain physically fit and as a way to release tension.

"Ever since I can remember, I have done some sort of physical activity. When I joined the Nautilus, I became involved in its aerobic classes. I feel aerobics gives a total work out, and I feel it is important to incorporate physical exercise into one's daily routine. Before aerobics I am often uptight, but after aerobics I feel no tension. Aerobics allows for physical and mental release, and it allows me to be creative," senior Elizabeth Cooper said. The Nautilus, Pam Paramore's Studio, Northgreen, and the Y.M.C.A. offered aerobics courses. Even the gym classes incorporated aerobics into their schedule.

"I enjoy aerobics because it helps me get in shape, it is a lot of fun, and it can be done with friends."

— Virginia Iler

Alicia Johnson

Johnson/Roberson

Finding one's ankle is not as easy as it looks as seniors Crissie Curtis and Virginia Iler find out.

Stretch, 2,3,4 . . . senior Amy Daniel tones up her body by doing aerobics at a local studio.

Johnson/Roberson

Working out the kinks, junior Cathy Althusen and sophomore Natalie Crocker stretch before "aerobicizing".

Warming up is an important part of aerobics. senior Sherry Andrews takes her warm-ups seriously.

Johnson/Roberson

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Johnson/Roberson

Keeping the perfect figure is a hard task, seniors Elizabeth Cooper, and Rainey Astin do their part to keep themselves trim.

Golfers keep on par

Although small in number, team is high in optimism

The golf team managed an "almost break-even" season at 4-6 to finish sixth in the conference.

The Gryph golphers were an exremely young team. "We relied heavily on our two freshmen, Brian Wreen and John Evans," Coach Walt Wiggins said. Alumnus Jeff Vaughn, voted the team's most valuable player, and senior Richard Verrone were big assets to the team.

"We need more golfers."
— Coach Wiggins

Golf, the only conference sport in which boys and girls compete on the same team, had several girls participating in the conference last season. "We were fortunate to have Kristi Elliott, the top female golfer in the conference, on our team," senior Richard Verrone said.

"Losing Jeff Vaughn to graduation and Brian Wrenn to another school will really leave us short. We need more golfers," Coach Walter Wiggins said.

Carmen Coley

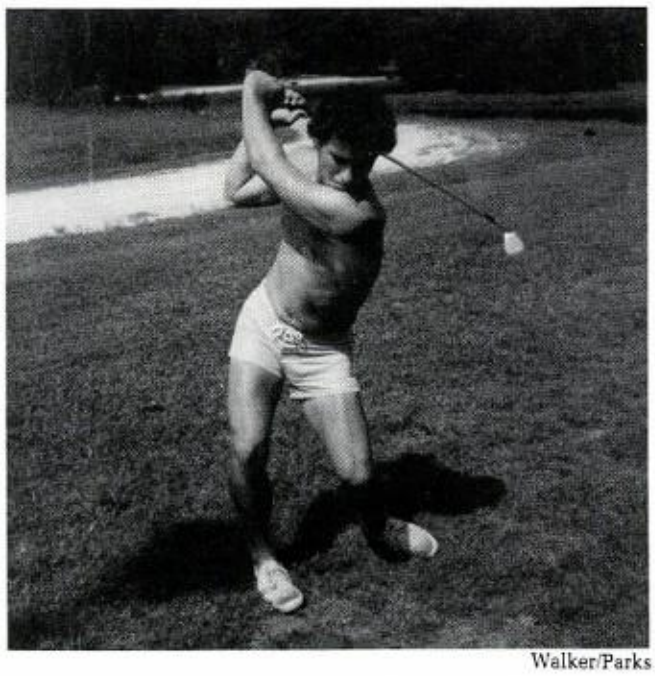
Tharin/Parks

Carefully calculating the distance, junior John Solomon lines up his putt.

golf

RMSH		OPP.
W	Manteo	L
W	Tarboro	L
L	Roanoke Rapids	W
L	Beddingfield	W
L	Kinston	W
L	Fike	W
W	Rose	L
L	Northern Nash	W
L	Hunt	W
W	Northeastern	L

Overall 4-6



Walker/Parks

Practicing his style, senior Mike Edwards, even though his heart is in baseball, enjoys a round of golf every now and then.

Hicks/Parks

Team combines strength with consistency

"Coach Kelley is an excellent coach, and he has really helped us this year," junior Scott Woodcock said. The JV baseball team had a change in coaching with Coach George Kelley, head football coach, also directing the baseball team this season.

The team posted a 9-5 overall record. "Our record was not a good representation of the caliber of our team. We had a fairly successful season, but I think much improvement will be seen next year," junior John Webb said.

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Starting the season with inexperienced pitchers was a big disadvantage for the team. "We started freshman pitchers against a lot of teams that started juniors," sophomore Jay Jolly said.

A strong defense and consistent fielding helped the JV Gryphs pull out many games. Juniors Scott Woodcock and Derrick Sessoms often came up with big plays to stop their opponents. "We relied heavily on our defensive play," sophomore John Seagroves said.

Carmen Coley

j.v. baseball

RMSH		OPP.
13	Roanoke Rapids	4
16	Tarboro	12
7	Roanoke Rapids	0
3	Greenville	6
4	Northern Nash	12
16	Hunt	13
5	Kinston	4
7	Fike	1
3	Beddingfield	7
6	Greenville	10
7	Northern Nash	2
5	Hunt	7
7	Kinston	4
14	Fike	9
	Overall 9-5	
	Conference 6-5	

Showing great form, junior Kevin Cox gets himself out of a tricky situation.

Admiring the defensive play of their teammates, senior pitchers Mike Edwards and James Avent wait for their chance.

Tharin/Parks

Hicks/Parks

Members of the JV baseball team are: FRONT ROW: Kevin Pierce, Mike Davis. **SECOND ROW:** Tony Jacobs, Mike Edwards, Dean Holmes. **TOP ROW:** John Seagroves, John Webb, Scott Woodcock, Herman Whitaker, Jay Jolly.

Small team wins big

Remaining optimistic reaps dividends

Although the boys tennis team lost its top four players from last year, it finished its season with a 6-8 conference record. "We had a much better season than expected," senior Andy Anderson said.

Sweeping both matches from Beddingfield and Northeastern and splitting with Northern Nash and Wilson Fike provided the six wins. Many of the other matches were close with the outcome depending on one or two individual matches. Winning the doubles matches could have provided the difference, but according to senior Jake Parrott, "Our doubles were weak. We couldn't find the right winning combinations until the end of the season when it was too late."

"We had a much better season than expected."
— Andy Anderson

Alumnus Mark Felton and seniors Jake Parrott and Tom Shannon showed their skill and experience in the top three positions. Sophomore Harrison Tulloss played number four with remarkable poise for a young player, winning several close matches. Alumnus Gary Cliett and sophomore Albie Brice rounded out the top six.

Sophomore Harrison Tulloss said," Coach Ramey helped me improve my game. I got better as the season progressed. The older players also helped me a lot and didn't seem to mind that a freshman was playing ahead of them."

Agreeing with Tulloss, sophomore Albie Brice added, "Coach Ramey really knows his tennis. He likes us to win."

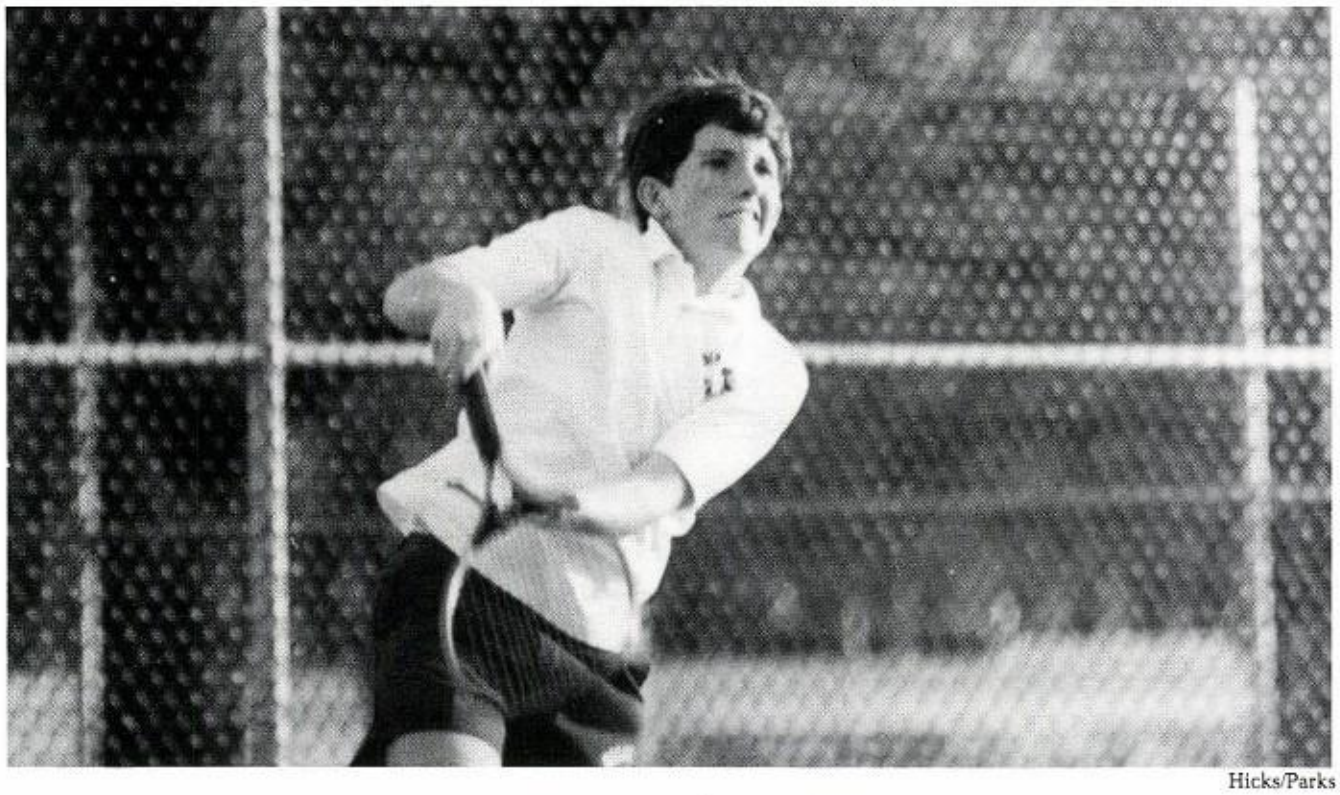
Members of the tennis team really worked for a successful season. Every weekend some of the players would get together to play and try to improve their games. "I often called Mark or Tom to hit because every bit of practice helps," senior Jake Parrott said.

The tennis team always managed to have a good time, even when losing. "We remained optimistic throughout the season," senior Steve Armstrong commented.

Motivations helped, according to the players. "Coach Ramey bought us Little Debbie cakes on days of matches to get our spirits up," junior Tim Crawley said.

Senior Tom Shannon had a different opinion. According to Shannon, "All the funny things that happed to us, -- well you just couldn't print them."

Carmen Coley



Hicks/Parks

Showing intense concentration, senior Steve Armstrong serves a winner his Northeastern opponent.

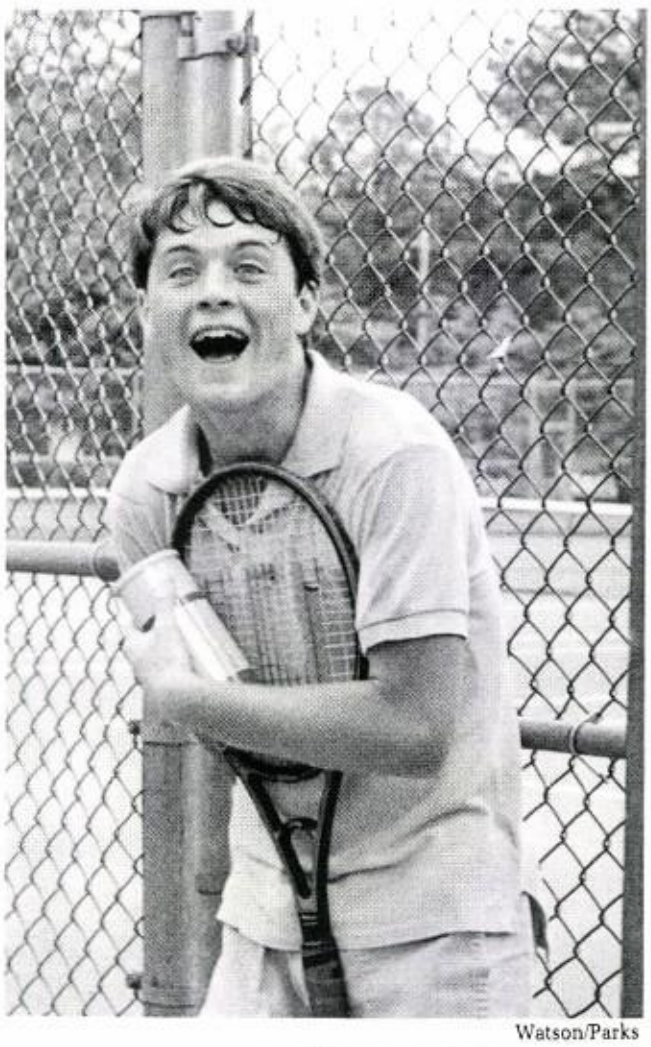
Hicks

Member of the boys tennis team are: **FRONT ROW:** Tyson Smith, Todd Hinson. **TOP ROW:** Tim Crawley, Tom Shannon, Andy Anderson.

Hicks/Parks

Keeping his eye on the ball, senior Jake Parrott prepares to drill a backhand past his Wilson Fike opponent.

The expression on alumnus Gary Cliett's face depicts "the thrill of victory."



Watson/Parks

boys tennis

RMSH		OPP.
4	Kinston	5
3	Fike	6
9	Beddingfield	0
1	Rose	8
4	Northern Nash	5
1	Hunt	8
7	Northeastern	2
4	Kinston	5
4	Fike	5
9	Beddingfield	0
2	Rose	7
6	Northern Nash	3
1	Hunt	8
8	Northeastern	1
	Conference 6-8	

Following through his forehand, senior Tom Shannon shows top form as he cruises to an easy 6-0, 6-0 victory over his Beddingfield opponent.

Girls manage to break even

Food box helps

"Where's the food box?" was the typical cry from the members of the girls tennis team this season. Last year the team managed to win the conference in food consumption although the players had trouble winning tennis matches. Senior Joylette Whitaker said, "I didn't win a lot last year but I sure did eat a lot."

This season, however, the girls compiled a 7-7 conference record, while retaining their honor as the Big East's Eating Champions. The typical food box contained cookies, oatmeal cakes, potato chips, and candy bars for the slim players and pears and Diet Cokes for those players who couldn't afford the calories. Senior Carmen Coley said, "I get diet drinks and fruit. My mom limits me to two cookies per match, and Jewel tells on me if I cheat."

Senior Jewel Sharpe added, "Yeah, I tell her she's fat so she'll stay on her diet."

The soccer team served as a motivation for the girls team. "Let's hurry up and win so I can go to the soccer game," senior Shannon Gallagher cried more than once.

"I want to go with you," was freshman Rachel Jones' frequent response. "Those soccer players are so cute."

"True, tennis was not always the girls' top priority but the season was much more successful than last year's, and "... we had fun winning for a change," coach Judy Bradshaw commented.

" ... we had fun winning for a change."
— Coach Judy Bradshaw

Freshman Rachel Jones had the best record in the conference at the number one position.

Senior Carmen Coley held the number two position until a back injury forced her out of the lineup for the second half of the season. "Losing Carmen really hurt the team," coach Judy Bradshaw said. Senior Shannon Gallagher stepped into the number two position from number four.

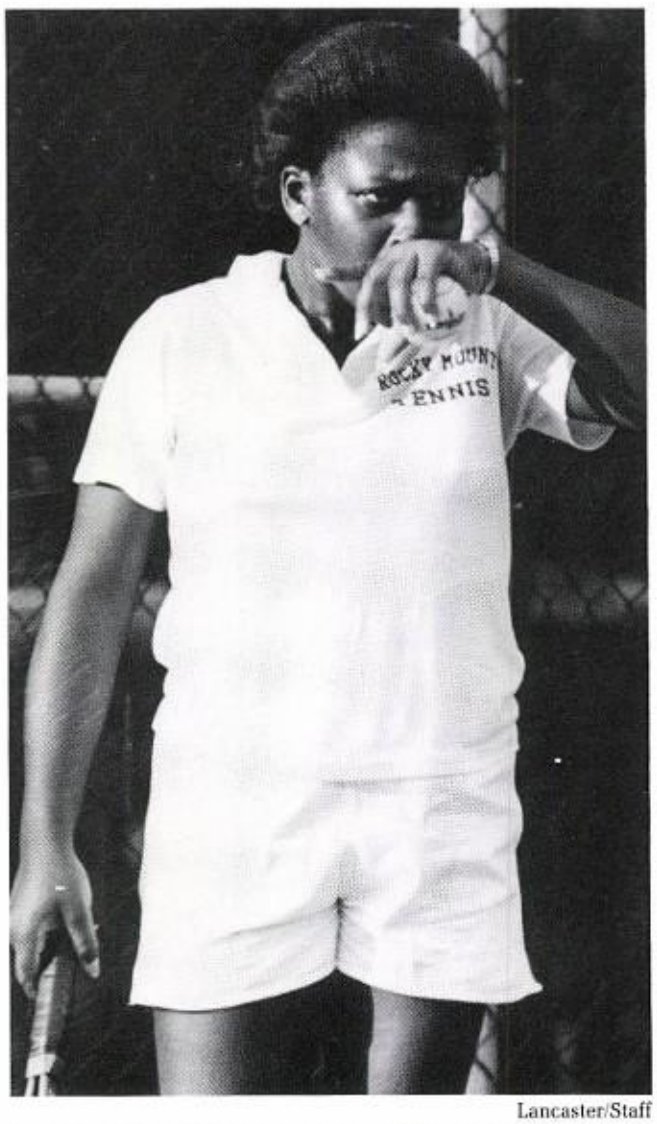
Senior Dawn Turnley was the third seed throughout the season. "Dawn improved so much from last year, and her play really helped the team," coach Judy Bradshaw commented.

Seniors Jewel Sharpe, Joylette Whitaker, and Elizabeth Cooper rounded out the top six. "I'm glad I got to play in the top six. Playing has given me lots of experience and my game has really improved," senior Elizabeth Cooper said.

— Carmen Coley —

Nailing a backhand, freshman Rachel Jones shows the perfect form which led her to the regionals.

Intense concentration marks senior Joylette Whitaker's face as she plots her strategy against her Greenville Rose opponent.



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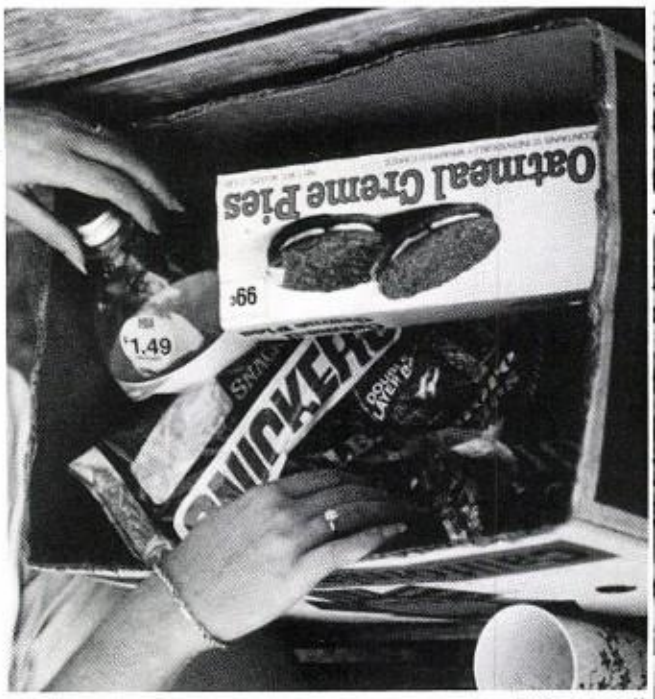


Williams/Staff

The famous food box was an integral part of each match.

Showing determination, senior Elizabeth Cooper fights to defeat her opponent.

Brentley,
Well Darlin' we finally made it, in about a week we'll be graduating & going our separate ways! Boo Hoo ☹ It's a shame that we've really just gotten to know each other real well. Everyday as I walked in to homeroom your smile always cheered me up, especially if I was in a real rotten mood!! Look when you're in Tennessee next year, don't you dare forget all of us here in Rocky Mount, and you better write & come back and visit!! Don't break all the girls hearts in Texas I'm sure you'll have so many falling at your feet!! Brentley, you really are a terrific guy & friend don't ever lose your sweet smile!! (It's just one of many great qualities you have) Come see me this summer, I live right down the road from Mike!! ☺

Friends Forever, Kim Kirk

Hicks/Parks

Hicks/Parks

tennis

RMSH		OPP.
7	Kinston	2
4	Fike	5
9	Beddingfield	0
3	Rose	6
8	Northern Nash	1
1	Hunt	8
2	Northeastern	7
6	Kinston	3
5	Fike	4
9	Beddingfield	0
2	Rose	7
9	Northern Nash	0
3	Hunt	6
2	Northeastern	7

Conference 7-7

A running start

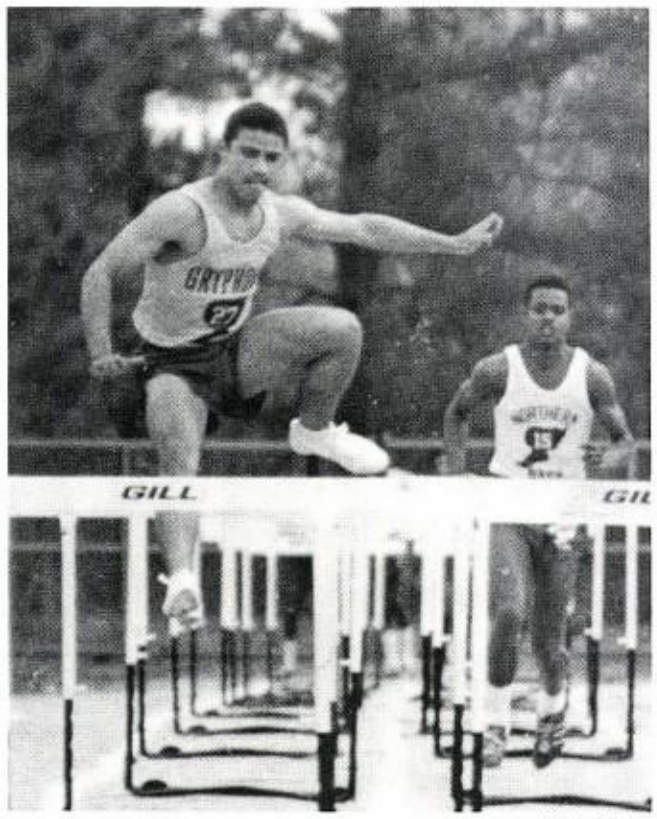
Runners find limited success

"Track is more of an individual sport than anything. I guess you could say that it is kind of like weightlifting in that respect," senior David Hollar said.

The track team had an up and down season this year. Even in the most topsy turvey season a team may have its highlights. The guys team boasted the likes of Nolan Corpening and the 440 relay team. "Nolan could do some running, and he even managed to go to the sectionals — the same thing held true for the 440 team," Hollar added.

"Track is more of an individual sport than anything . . . "
— David Hollar

"We had a pretty good year. Some of the guys even went to the sectionals," senior Reginald Harper said. "Next year maybe we will be better," he added.



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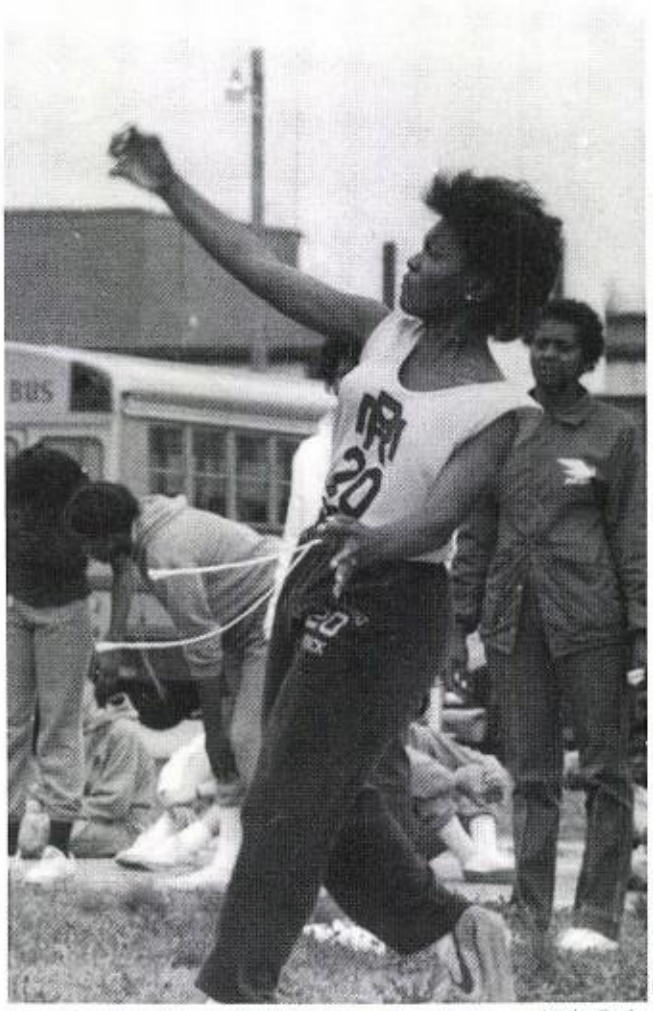

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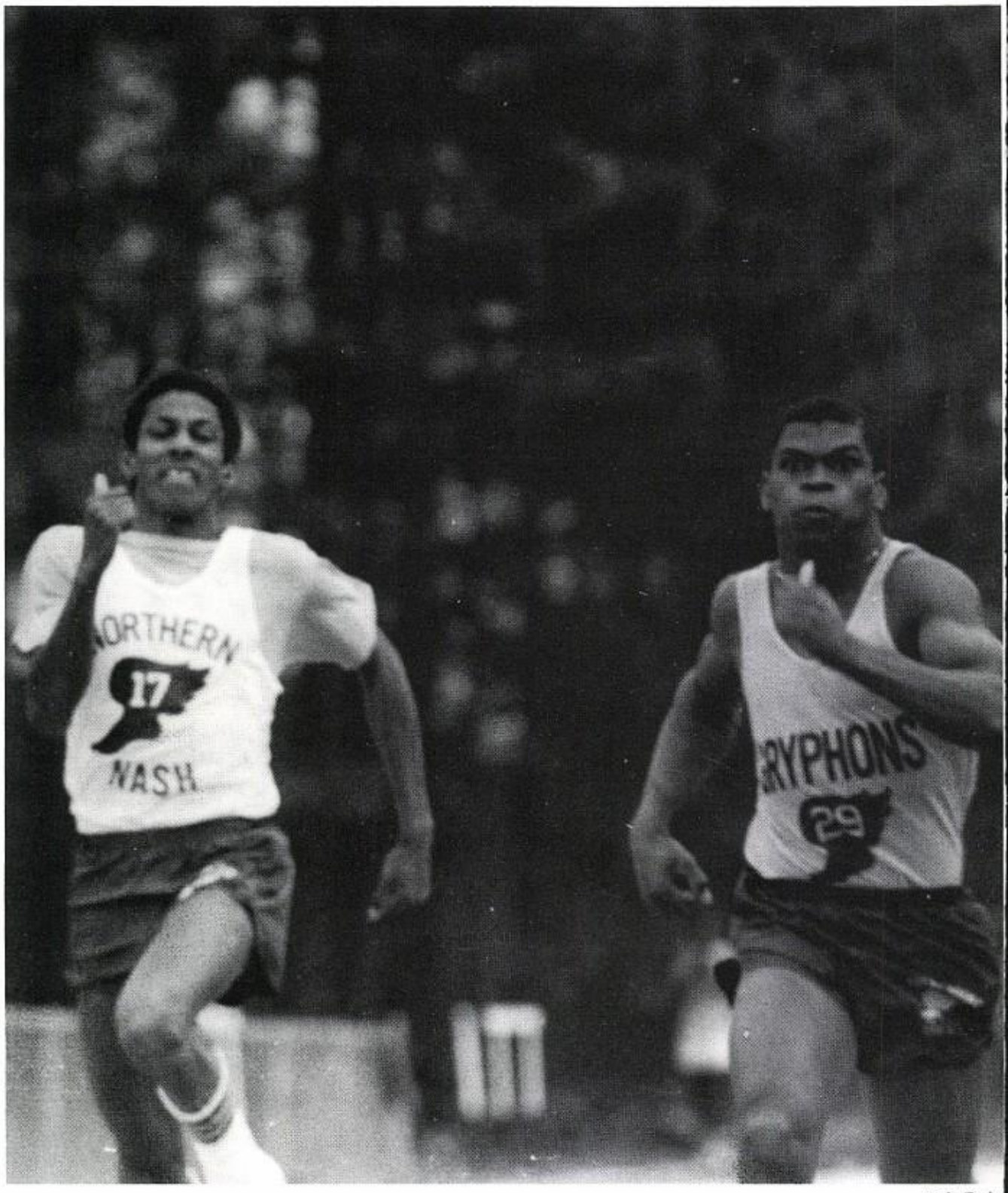
Leaping hurdles with ease, alumnus Nolan Corpening easily strides past his opponent.

Releasing the discus with ease, alumnus Bari Williams shows onlookers what proper form is all about.



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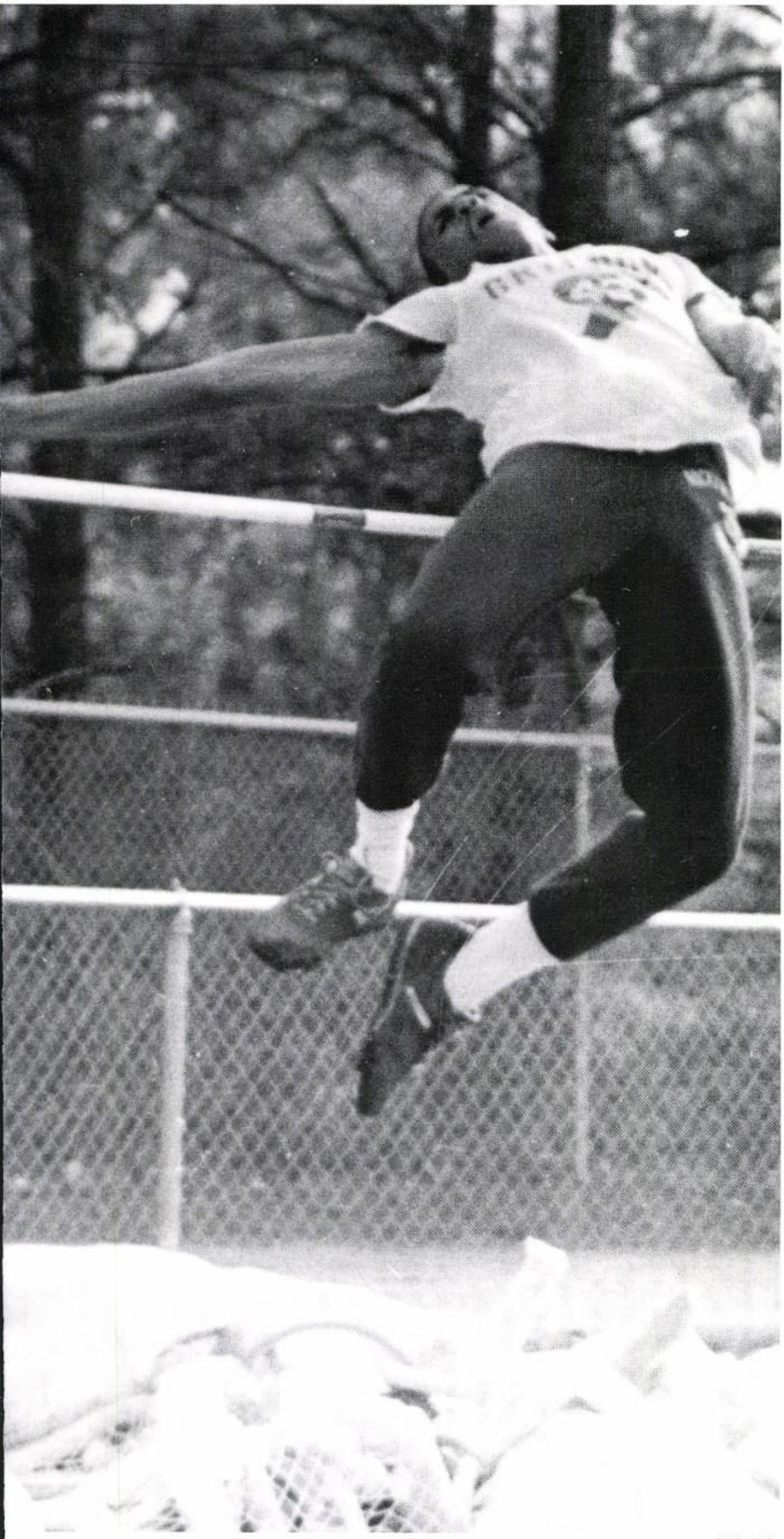
Finding a little trouble with his opponents, alumnus Sylvester Harrison strides neck to neck with his opposition.



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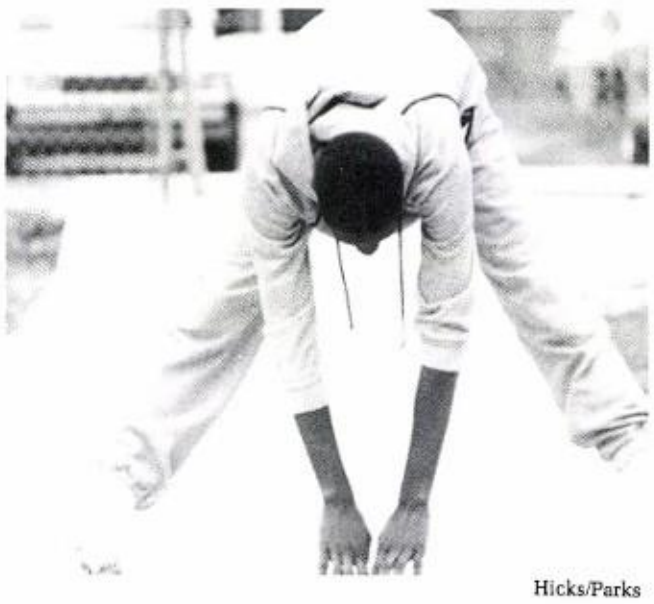


Hicks/Parks

Stretching out "good," senior Reginald Harper prepares for a hard day of practice.

Making his way over the bar, alumnus Mike Wax clears it on his first attempt.

boys cross country

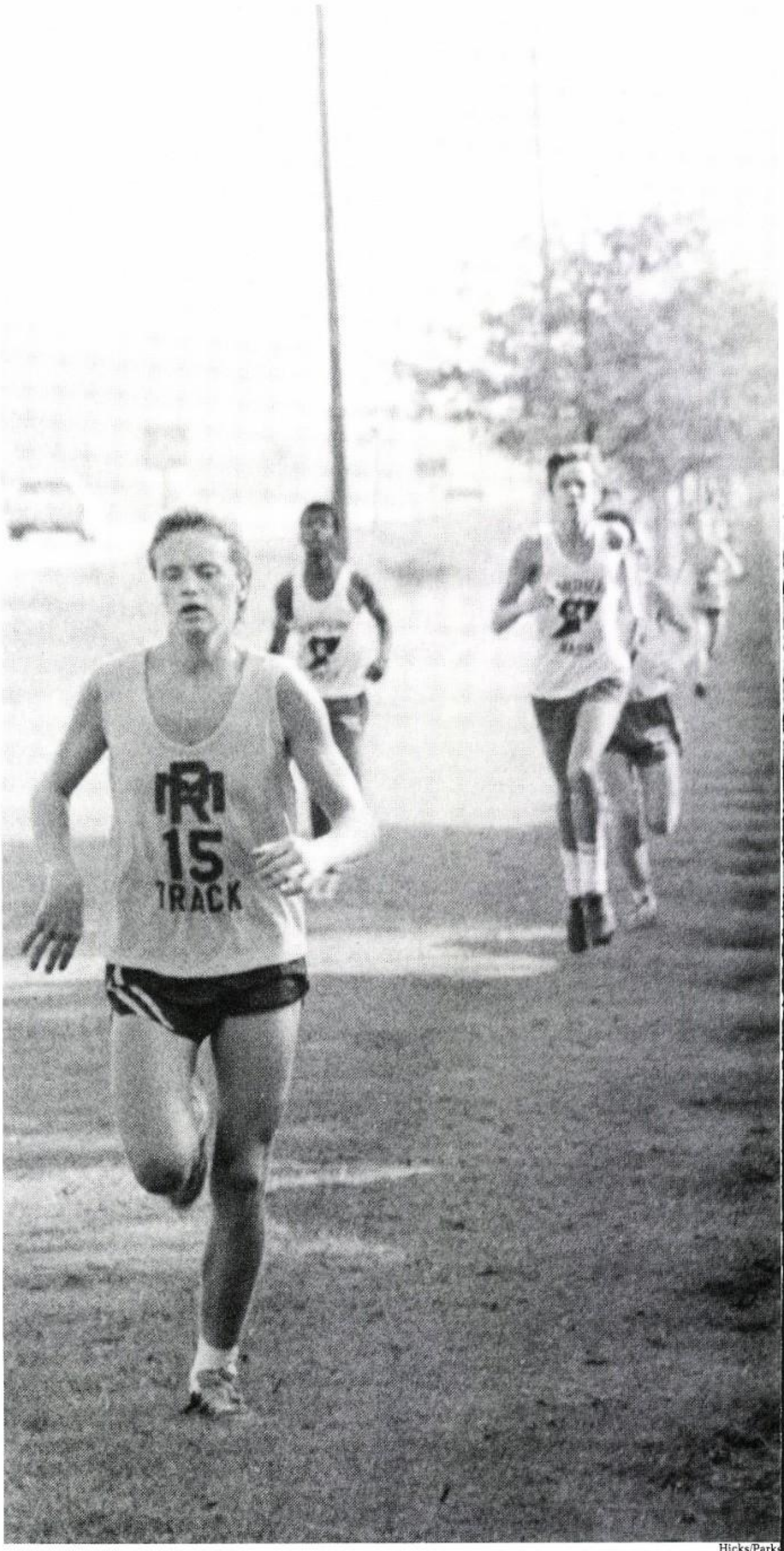
RMSH		OPP.
W	Beddingfield	L
W	Rose	L
L	Northern Nash	W
W	Hunt	L
L	Northeastern	W
L	Fike and Northern Nash	W
W	Beddingfield and Fike	L

Conference 4-3

girls cross country

RMSH		OPP.
W	Beddingfield	L
L	Rose	W
L	Northern Nash	W
W	Hunt	L
L	Northeastern	W
L	Fike and Northern Nash	W
W	Beddingfield and Fike	L

Conference 3-4



Hicks/Parks

Leading the pack, sophomore David Ess is on his way to winning a meet.

Racing for the win

Cross country teams run better

Preparing for a long run, senior Marti Mucci stretches before a meet.

Hicks/Parks

"Both cross country teams showed improvement this year," cross country coach Jack Young said. The boys team compiled a 4-3 conference mark, and finished fourth in the conference meet, and sixteenth in the sectionals. All-conference runner junior Anthony Coley and sophomore David Ess paced the boys team, receiving strong support from senior David Hollar and junior David Livingston.

"We worked really hard, but we need more improvement for next year," junior David Livingston said.

"Both cross country teams showed improvement this year." — Coach Young

The girls team ended its season with a 3-4 record. "We were better than last year, but we still need more girls who want to run," senior Marti Mucci said.

Junior Jane Witzerman won the first six meets and placed second in the conference meet, earning all-conference honors. "Jane worked hard at practice and during her free time," coach Young said.

Carmen Coley

Hicks/Parks

Hicks/Parks

"And they're off . . ."

Batchelor/Parks

Showing signs of exhaustion, junior Jane Weitzerman reaches the home stretch.

Members of the cross country team are: FRONT ROW: David Livingston, David Hollar. **SECOND ROW:** Stacy Glover, Coach Jack Young, Sam Moore. **TOP ROW:** Jane Weitzerman, Felicia Bynum, and Marti Mucci.

Kicking up a storm

Team improves conference mark

"The seniors were the nucleus of the team; they will be hard to replace," soccer coach Ed Moore said. As the Gryphons finished their third season of play, they compiled an impressive 10-6 record, which showed much improvement over last season's 6-8 mark.

"As the year progressed, we stopped playing as individuals, and started to play as a team," senior Tom Shannon said.

". . . we started to play as a team."

— Tom Shannon

During the '84 season injuries again played a nefarious role with several players being hurt.

The team did not have as many injuries as in the previous years, but the loss of several key players for a short length of time was felt greatly in several conference games.

In conference play the Gryphs were number four and compiled a 7-5 record. The team managed to knock off the number one team, Greenville Rose, the team's biggest rival.

"I think the Greenville win was the biggest win in our three years of soccer at Senior High," senior Sean Braly said.

The Gryphons managed to post their fourth place ranking by also defeating other conference rivals such as Wilson Fike and Northeastern.

Michael Walker

soccer

RMSH		OPP.
W	Goldsboro	L
W	Beddingfield	L
L	Greenville	W
W	Goldsboro	L
W	Hunt	L
W	Beddingfield	L
L	Northeastern	W
W	Kinston	L
W	Fike	L
W	Greenville	L
W	Oxford	L
W	Hunt	L
L	Oxford	W
W	Kinston	L
L	Fike	W
L	Northeastern	W

Johnson/Parks

Members of the soccer team are: **FRONT ROW:** Chris Avery, Michael Walker, Jason Viska, Will Willingham, Joe Bruno, Bill Eskridge, Joel Kirkham, Johnny Merritt, Trea Floyd, Ken Hicks, Mac McAuley, Kevin Hicks, Ricky Parks. **TOP ROW:** Todd Salter, Tim Crawley, Phillip Alhusen, Brentley Kirkham, Tom Shannon, Scott Elliot, Sean Braly, Kevin Cox, Kirk Mangum, Ben Moore, Lee Clemments, Tom Bruno, Coach Ed Moore.

Williams/Parks

Losing his concentration, senior Tom Shannon tries to find the ball.

Williams

Thinking abouh the game, freshman Chris Avery looks to the field as his teammates say the Lord's Prayer.

Disagreeing with the call, coach Ed Moore tries to persuade the referee to see things his way.

Johnson/Walker

Station after station . . .

Conditioning, practicing, and reaching

"If you quit on me now — you'll quit on me in the fourth quarter. Push yourselves."

"Ughh!"

"Come on fellows — one more time."

"Who's he trying to kid?"

August first — to some it means about a month until school starts, and for others it might mean a trip to the coast. For the football team, it means the start of fourteen weeks of football. The first week of August is dedicated to conditioning, courtesy of the "stations." Stations are merely routines that a group of ten players must endure for five minutes. There are eight stations. With temperatures often rising into the upper nineties, some of the more humorous scenes could be found at the water cooler during the five minute break after the first hour of practice. Imagine a pack of hungry dogs fighting for a single bone, and you'll have an idea of what the water breaks were like. "The best part of August practice for me was the end when I could go to the store and buy some Gatorade. Those first couple of swallows go down really good," senior Juan Chesson said.

While preseason training could best be described as hell and boot camp all rolled into one, some players were always trying to keep spirits up before and after practice by continually joking or merely talking about a movie recently seen." You know, as much as I hate the preseason, it gets me in tip-top shape and ready to play," junior Hank Jones said.

". . . it gets me in tip top shape"

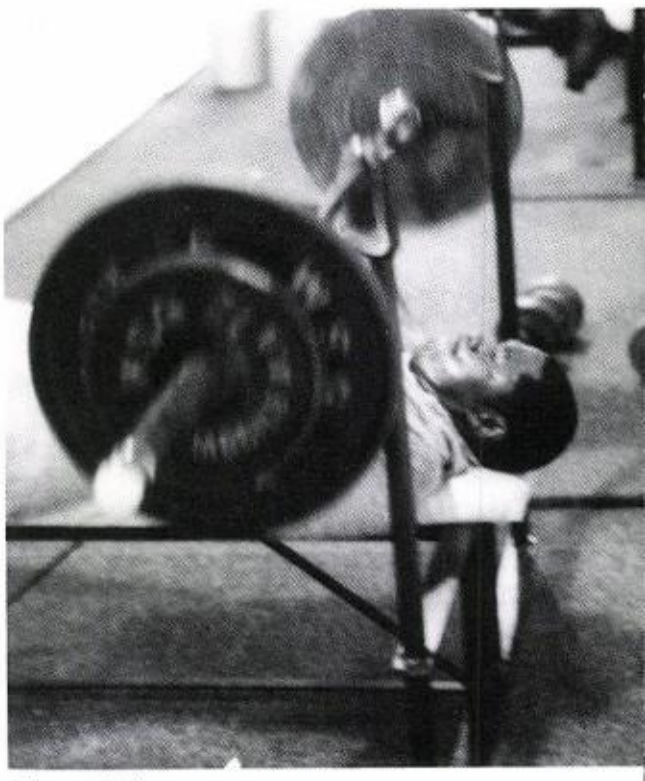
— Hank Jones

Although team members had very different reasons for playing football, they all had the heart and spirit enough to receive the respect the football team deserves.

Sandy Roberson

Hicks

Showing disgust, Coach Kelley wonders why things aren't going as smoothly as they did in practice.



Leading by example, Coach Gerald Costen pumps iron after practice with the teams.

Roberson/Hicks

Sowers

Hicks/Parks

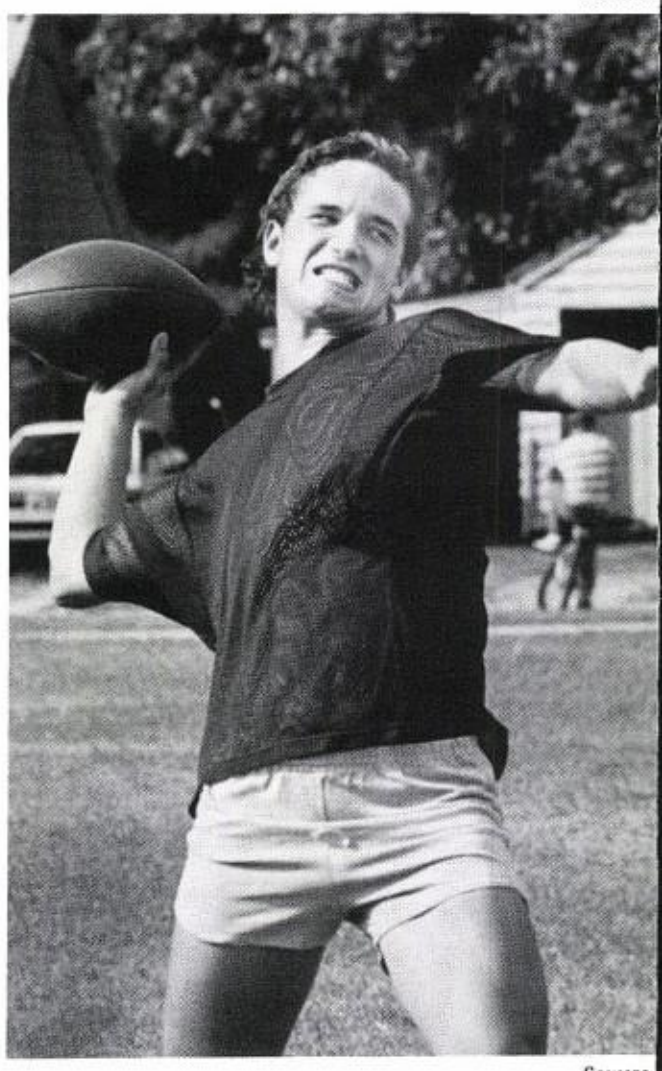
Busting through several defensive men, junior Ced Mercer shows how practice pays off.

Affectionately called the "crunch bunch," the football team enjoys the excitement of a pep rally.

Sowers

Sowers

Experiencing the thrill of success, junior Hank Jones is congratulated by senior Juan Chesson for a job well done.



Sowers

Number two tries harder

Gryphs regain lost recognition

The smile says it all, as head coach George Kelley feels the excitement of a victory over Beddingfield.

With intense concentration, senior Michael Doyle prepares to haul in quarterback Roney Harris' pass.

Sowers

The 1984 varsity football team finished its season with a 7-3 overall record. The Gryphons were tied with Wilson Hunt for second place in the Big East Conference. Some of the players expressed disappointment with the outcome of the season. "I think we had the material to be champions," senior Sandy Roberson said.

"We played as hard as could, but we fell a little short."
— Connell Pitts

"We played as hard as we could, but we fell a little short," junior Connell Pitts added.

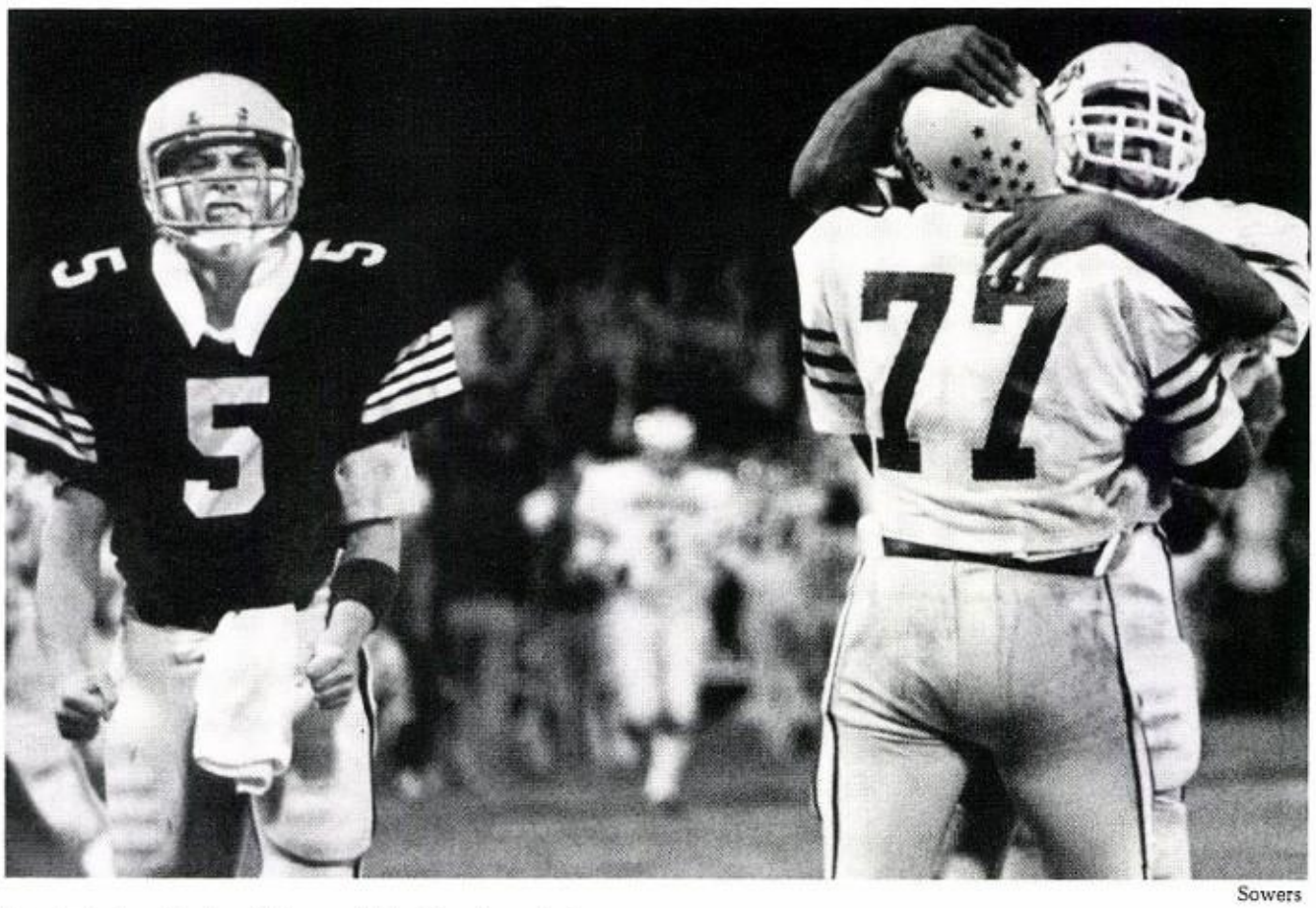
The season started off with a bang, as the Gryphons were ready for Eastern Wayne. The Gryphon offense put 33 points on the board, its highest output of the season. "The guys did a good job of getting the ball into the end zone," coach George Kelley said.

Things were a little different against Wilson Beddingfield. The Bruins put 14 quick points on the board before the Gryphons showed any signs of life. However, the team came alive in ths second half and managed to erase a 21 point deficit for the win. The players may have been inspired by their pre-game treat. "After eating steak and watching 'Rocky III', we just couldn't let Beddingfield beat us," junior Jerry Edwards said.

The Gryphons defeated arch-rival Northern Nash for the second consecutive year, but the players didn't make a big deal over the victory. "It was just another game," senior Terrance Dickens said. Dickens was named the game's MVP.

In the last game of the season, Wilson Fike extinguished the Gryphon's bid to win the conference with a 17-0 victory. "We were up for the game but Fike was just too tough," senior Scott Tulloss said.

Carmen Coley



Sowers

Frustrated with the failure of the Gryphon defense against Tarboro, senior Neil Avent's expression shows the agony of defeat.

football

RMSH		OPP.
33	Eastern Wayne	12
14	Tarboro	15
7	Goldsboro	0
31	Beddingfield	27
21	Rose	0
20	Northern Nash	7
7	Hunt	14
28	Northeastern	14
7	Kinston	0
0	Fike	17
	Conference 5-2	
	Overall 7-3	

"Practice makes perfect" is senior quarterback Roney Harris' thought as he works to improve his passing skills.

football

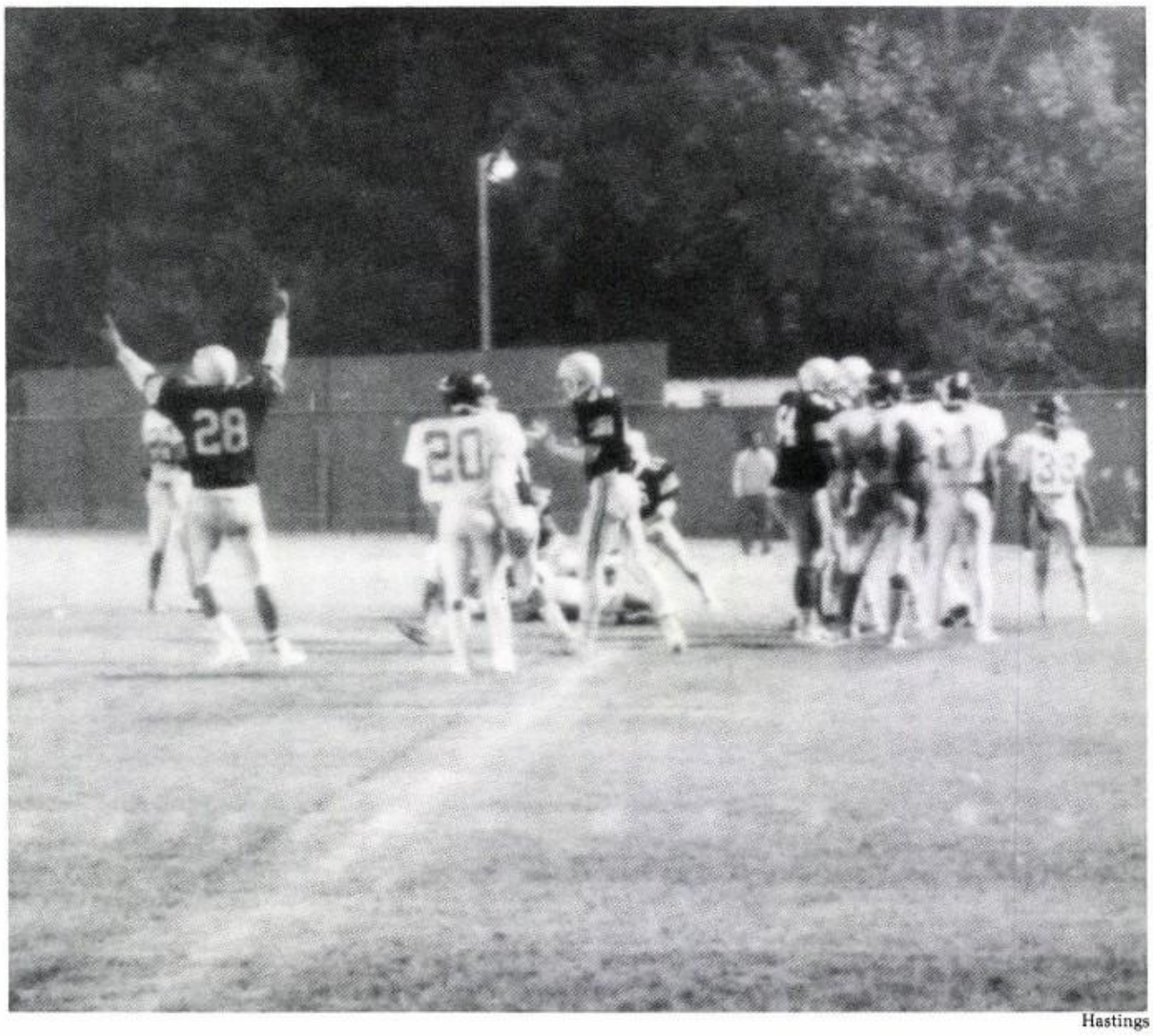
RMSH		OPP.
22	Eastern Wayne	12
30	Smithfield-Selma	26
6	Goldsboro	12
52	Beddingfield	0
26	Rose	14
38	Northern Nash	6
14	Hunt	13
18	Northeastern	22
52	Kinston	6
38	Fike	0

Conference 6-1
Overall 8-2

Hastings

Rushing to make a tackle, sophomore Matt Carey prevents a touchdown.

Scoring a touchdown, the JV Gryphs are on their way to victory.



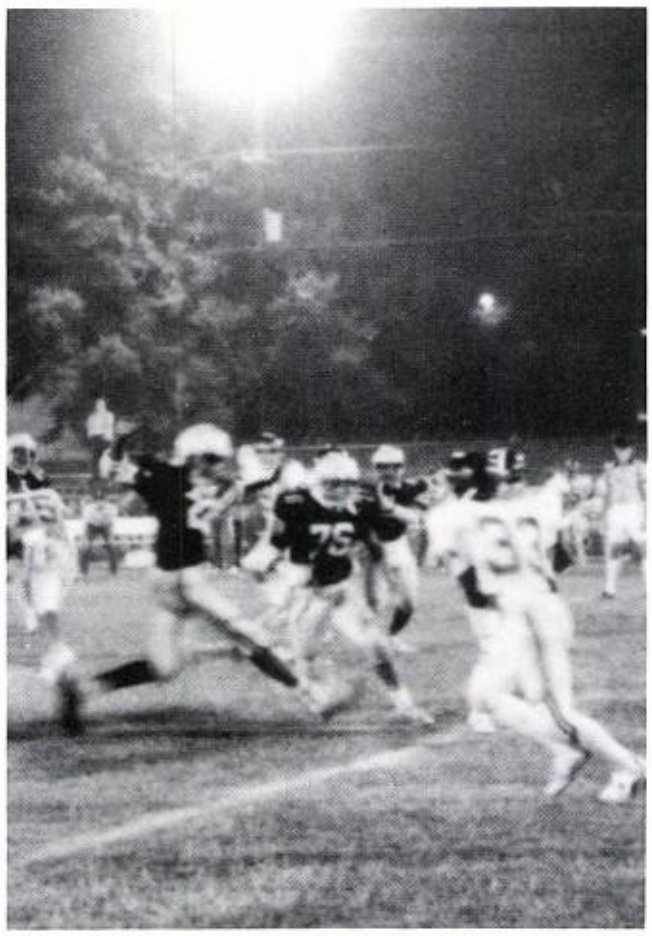
Hastings

Hicks/Parks

Coming off the field, sophomore Ron Henderson gets a word of encouragement from Coach Chesson.

Members of the JV football team are: **FRONT ROW:** Rodney Alston, Michael Coley, Sonny Schoolfield, Lee Bullock, Kenny Porter, Ron Henderson, and Mike Batts. **SECOND ROW:** Heath Hartley, Keith Moore, Raymond Crandall, Steve Ricks, Sterling Lewis, Matt Carey, Greg Pierce, and Robert Wilson. **TOP ROW:** Mike Richardson, Ricky Deans, Jesse Evans, Jeff Gaines, Monte Tippette, John Coley, Jeff Smith, Antoine Daniels, Roderick Lawrence, and John Caudle.

Hastings



Hastings

Firing off the line, the punting team attempts to put the opposition at a disadvantage.

Finding winning ways

J.V. surprises everyone with success

"At the beginning of the season I thought we would be lucky to win two or three games, but the team really practiced hard and played well in every game," coach Shelton Chesson said. Coach Chesson was pleasantly surprised that his JV football team finished the season with a 6-1 conference record with earned them a share of the conference title.

"At the beginning of the season, we were weak, but as the season progressed, we became better as a team," sophomore Matt Carey said.

"Our tough defense has been the key to the success of our team," sophomore Victor Ward said. The JV Gryphs' tough defense held their opponents to fewer than twelve points per game and shut out two of their opponents.

"We surprised everyone by tying for the conference championship."

— John Coley

Their potent offensive attack, based on an explosive ground game and balanced passing, averaged more than thirty points per game. On the ground, freshman Steve Ricks kept the opponents' defense off balance by rushing for over 100 yards in each game. Freshman quarterback Lee Bullock hooked up with junior wide receiver Keith Moore for long gains and key scores.

Although the outlook for success was not very optimistic at the beginning of the season, the JV Gryphs came very close to going undefeated. Their two losses were each by less than a touchdown. "We surprised everyone by tying for the conference championship," sophomore John Coley said.

Carmen Coley

Gryphs plagued with lack of height

"I know it's been said before, but the lack of height hurt us," Coach Gerald Costen said. "Our guys just couldn't play the powerful inside game that we needed against other taller teams in the conference," Costen said.

The Gryphons posted a 24-16 record but finished higher in conference standings than predicted before the season. "They thought we'd be last, but at least we beat Rose and Hunt twice," senior Terrance Dickens said.

" . . . the lack of height hurt us." Coach Gerald Costen

The Gryphons played without senior Ernie Griffin until second semester because of academic ineligibility. The team won three games during this period but suffered disastrous losses to Beddingfield, Northern Nash, and Northeastern. "Ernie's our big man. Without him we can't do much inside," senior Sherrod Barnes said.

"Other teams in the conference were so much bigger, and they dominated the boards," junior Mike Mabry said.

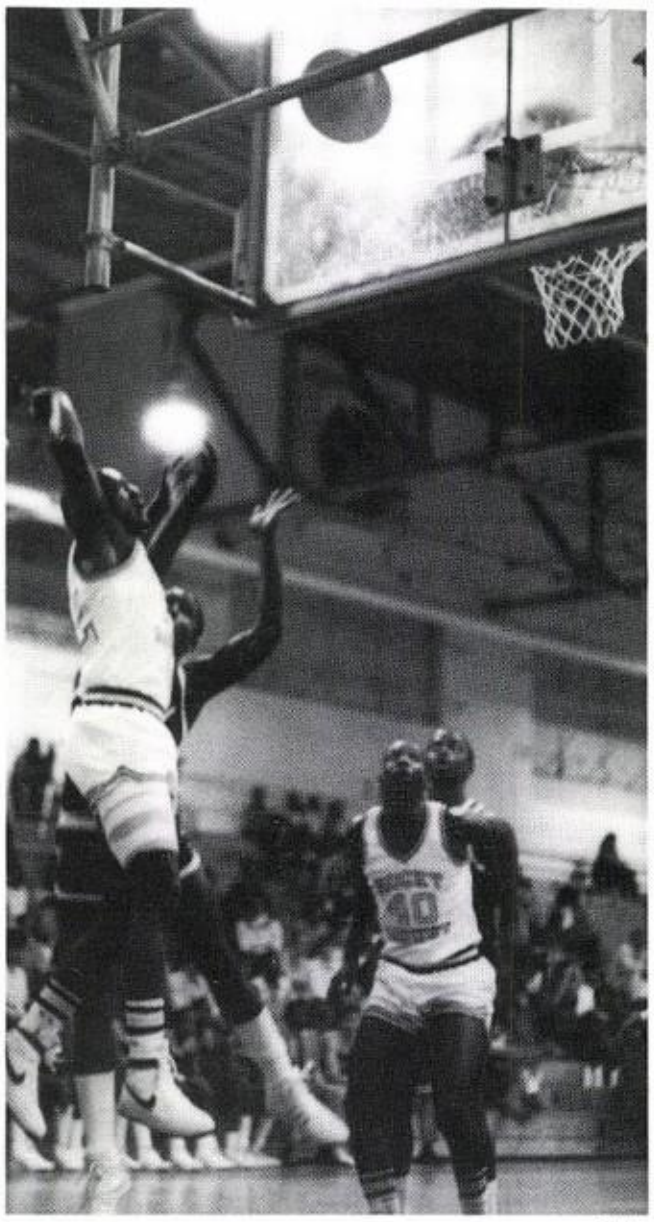
With Griffin's return in January, the Gryphon's play improved, but they still were unable to come away with wins. "When Ernie came back, our confidence improved, and we played better basketball," junior Latimer Taylor said.

Griffin dominated the boards and became an inside threat offensively and defensively to other teams. When guarded closely by zone defenses, Griffin's sharp passes to junior Lamont Warren and senior Terrance Dickens led to many easy baskets.

Defensively, senior Sherrod Barnes was an asset to the team with his quickness and endurance. "Sherrod always hustles. He never seems to get tired on the court," junior Everard Joyner said.

Carmen Coley

Going for two points, junior Pete Davis puts the ball up while junior Tony Coley watches for the rebound.



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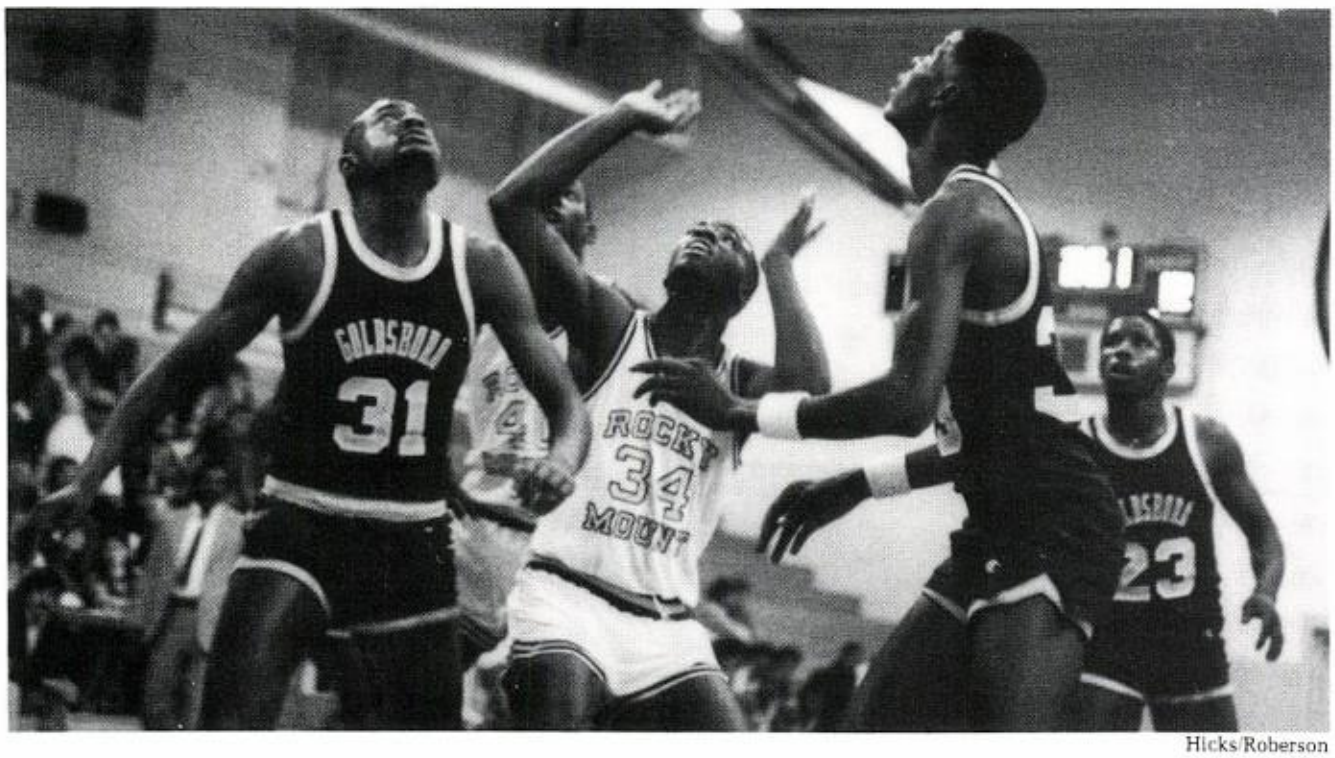
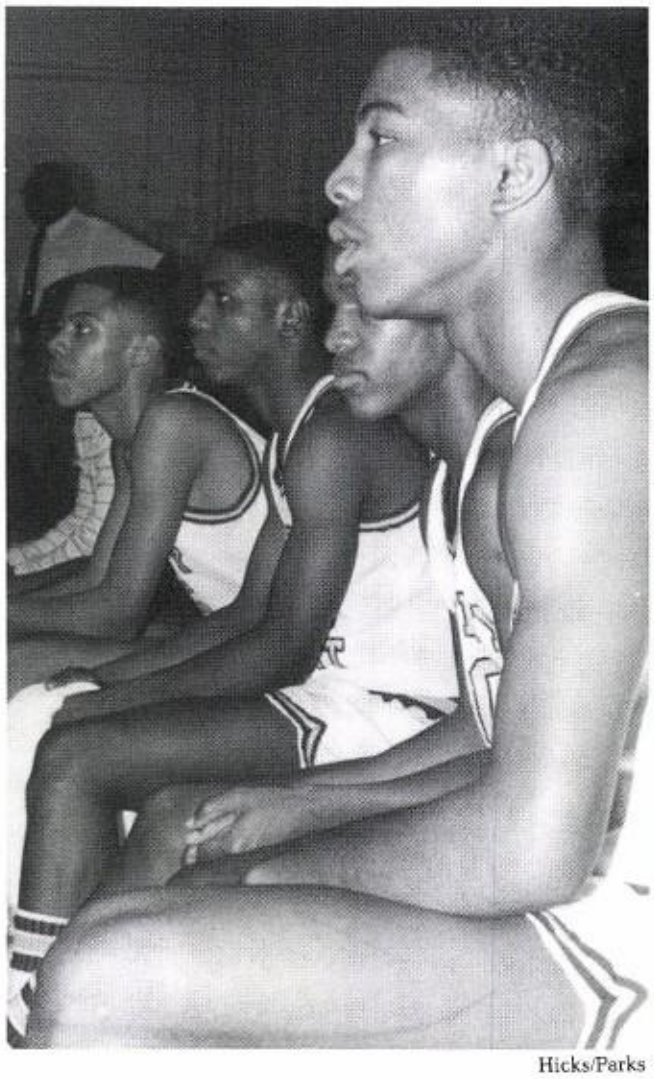


Hicks/Roberson

Getting position under the basket juniors Lamont Warren, Tony Coley, and Pete Davis Battle for the rebound.



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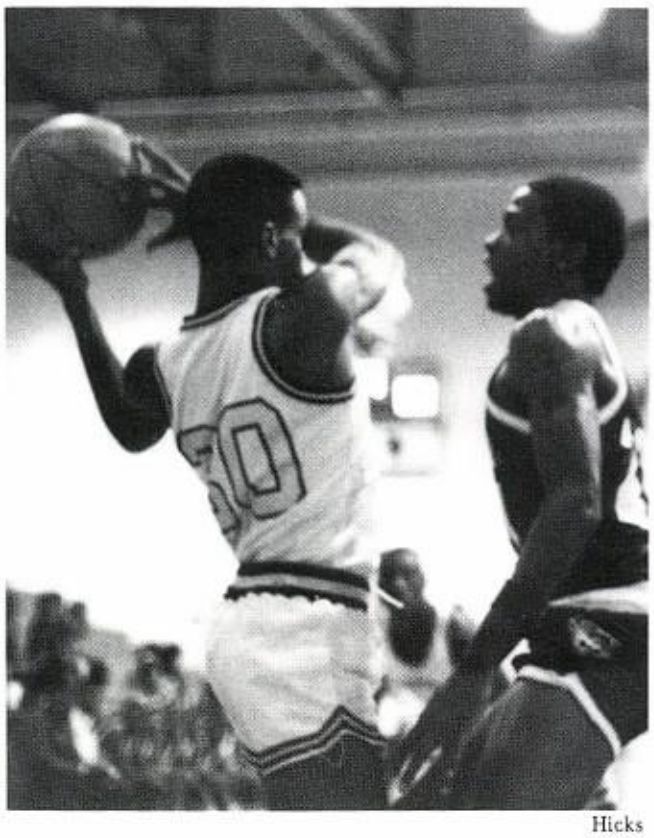
Watching intently, junior Everard Joyner and other varsity Gryphons wait for their chance to get in on the action.



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Looking for an open man, junior Latimer Taylor prepares to get rid of the ball.

Hicks/Walker

Finding the ball under the boards is not always easy as juniors Lamont Warren, Tony Coley, and Pete Davis find out.

boys basketball

RMSH		OPP.
50	Southwest Edgecombe	49
58	Golsboro	79
67	Eastern Wayne	76
61	Goldsboro	84
64	Eastern Wayne	72
71	Southwest Edgecombe	77
37	Beddingfield	91
57	Rose	52
31	Northern Nash	65
55	Hunt	52
51	Northeastern	82
40	Fike	44
34	Kinston	35
47	Beddingfield	59
46	Rose	43
47	Northern Nash	51
45	Hunt	43
42	Northeastern	57
54	Kinston	61
47	Fike	53
	Overall 4-16	

Giving a little of themselves

Guys give more than just time on the court

"We had a nice time collecting food for the needy, and after doing this the team felt real good," junior Lamont Warren said.

The 1984-85 varsity basketball team joined the girls and j.v. basketball teams to collect food. The food was then distributed to impoverished families.

At the beginning of the second semester the team instituted a study hall for team members for the purpose of improving their grades.

"Having a study hall helps me pull up my grades, and if I want to play basketball I have to have good grades," junior Tony Coley said. "Grades should come before basketball," he added. The concept of having study hall was used last season during the first semester, but this year the idea was used only second semester.

"Study hall helped my grades improve and helped me excel in both school and basketball."
— Ernie Griffin

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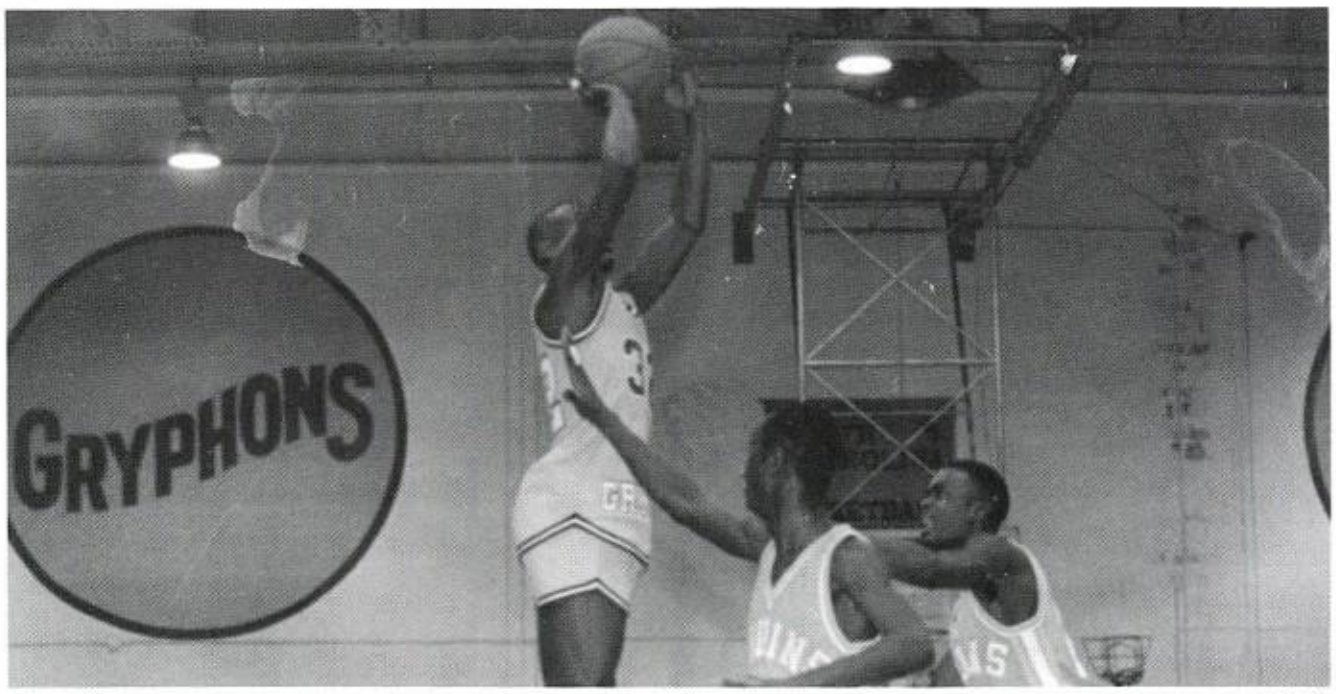
Sandy Roberson



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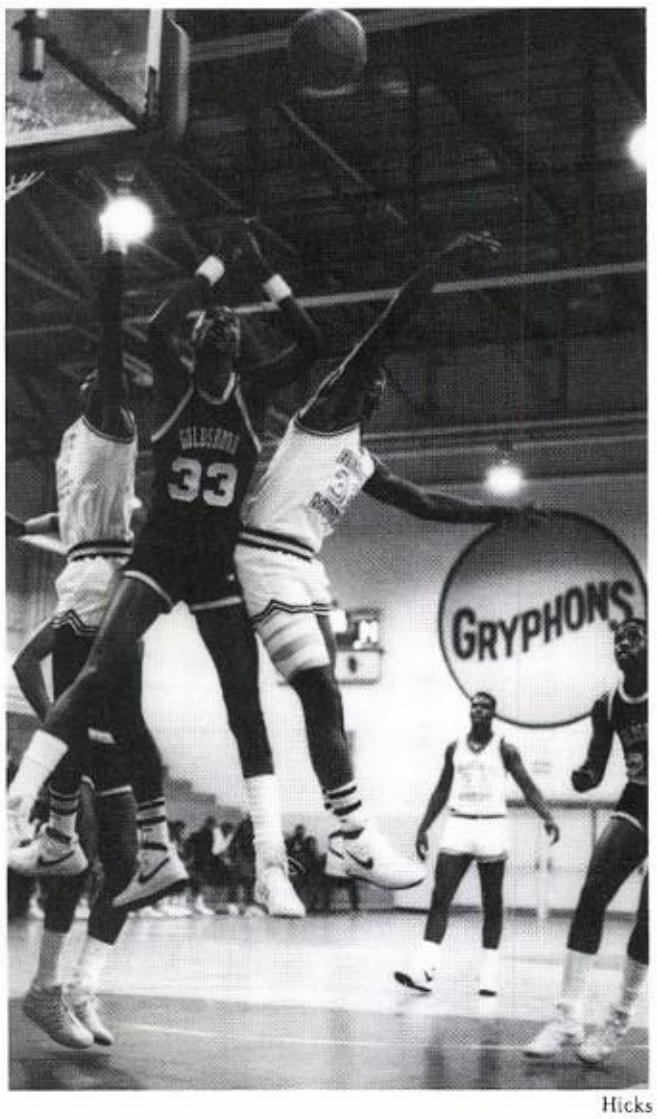
Going up for the base-line jumper, junior Pete Davis releases the ball with a soft touch.

Members of the varsity basketball team are: Johnny Bulluck, Mike Mabry, Wilbur Cherry, James Avent, Terrance Dickens, Tom Bruno, Sherrod Barnes, Lamont Warren, Elbert Davis, Pete Davis, Tony Brown, Toney Coley, Everard Joyner, and Coach Gerald Costen.

Pulling up for the jumper, senior Everard Joyner finds a wish at the end of the rainbow.



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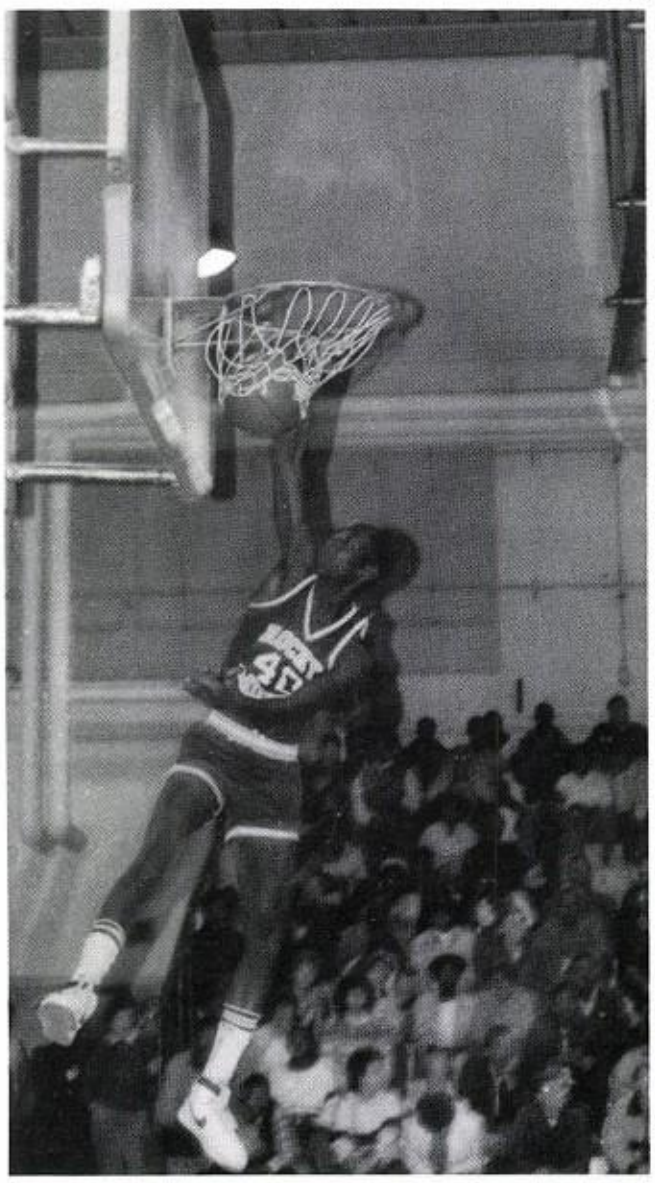

Walker

Satisfaction comes as senior Tony Coley slams the ball on the break.

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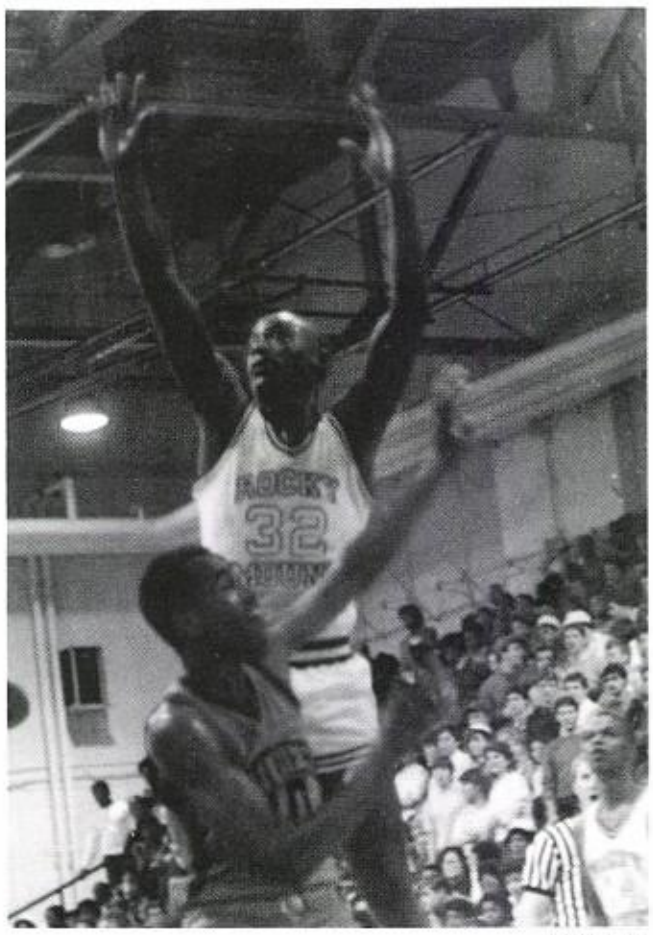


Hicks/Parks

Pulling up for the jumper, junior Pete Davis goes up strong against a Northern opponent.

Playing defense is important, as junior Pete Davis learns.

Wearing dirty socks is the key to victory for seniors Jewel Sharpe and Joylette Whitaker.

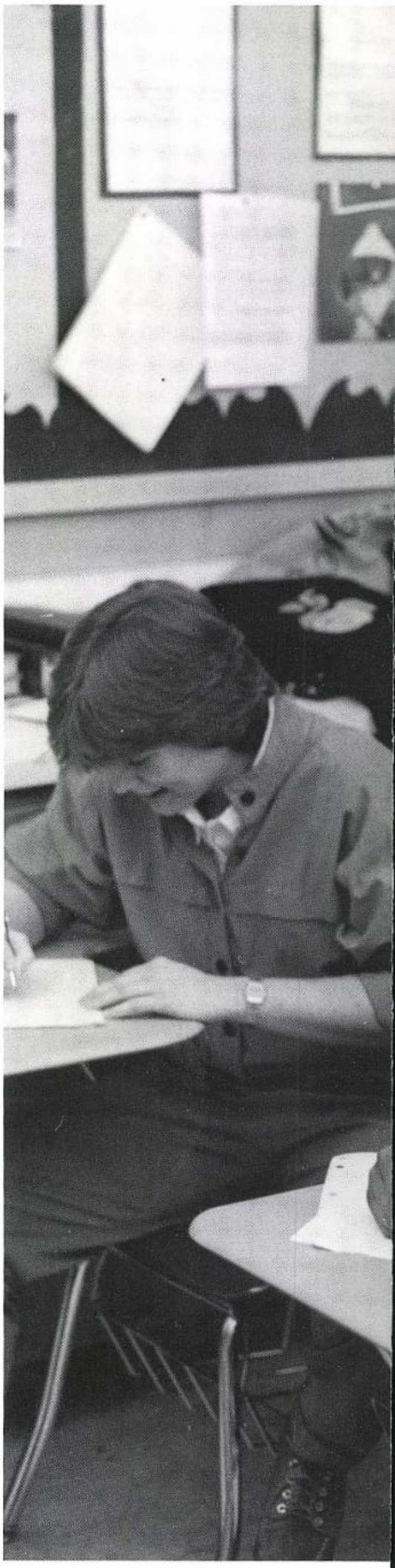
Johnson/Parks

Hicks

Discussing strategy with her team, Coach Judy Bradshaw hopes that, regardless of superstitions, her team will win.

Johnson/Parks

Putting on her arm bands for good luck, senior Dina Robbins is ready for the game.



Johnson/Parks

Giving fate a hand

Girls resort to superstitions

"We're all pretty superstitious on game days," sophomore Bessie Pullen said. Members of the girls' basketball team had a variety of strange ideas about the secret to winning a game. Perhaps the most interesting idea was shared by senior team members Dina Robbins and Jewel Sharpe.

"We make Mrs. Dixon give us a math quiz on game days. We almost always win when we have a quiz," senior Jewel Sharpe said.

"We're all pretty superstitious on game days."

— Bessie Pullen

"I guess there's just something about trig and calculus that brings us good luck," senior Dina Robbins added.

Maybe the pop quizzes have brought the basketball team good luck, but other students in the math class have their complaints. "Mrs. Dixon should only give quizzes to Dina and Jewel. They are bringing bad luck to my average," senior Tony Davis said.

Another superstitious belief was held by seniors Jewel Sharpe and Joylette Whitaker. "I wear my socks every day all week long without washing them to bring us good luck. So does Jewel," senior Joylette Whitaker said.

Needless to say, other team members found this idea unpopular. "I think we'd play better if we could breathe fresh air," sophomore Brenda Howell snickered good-naturedly.

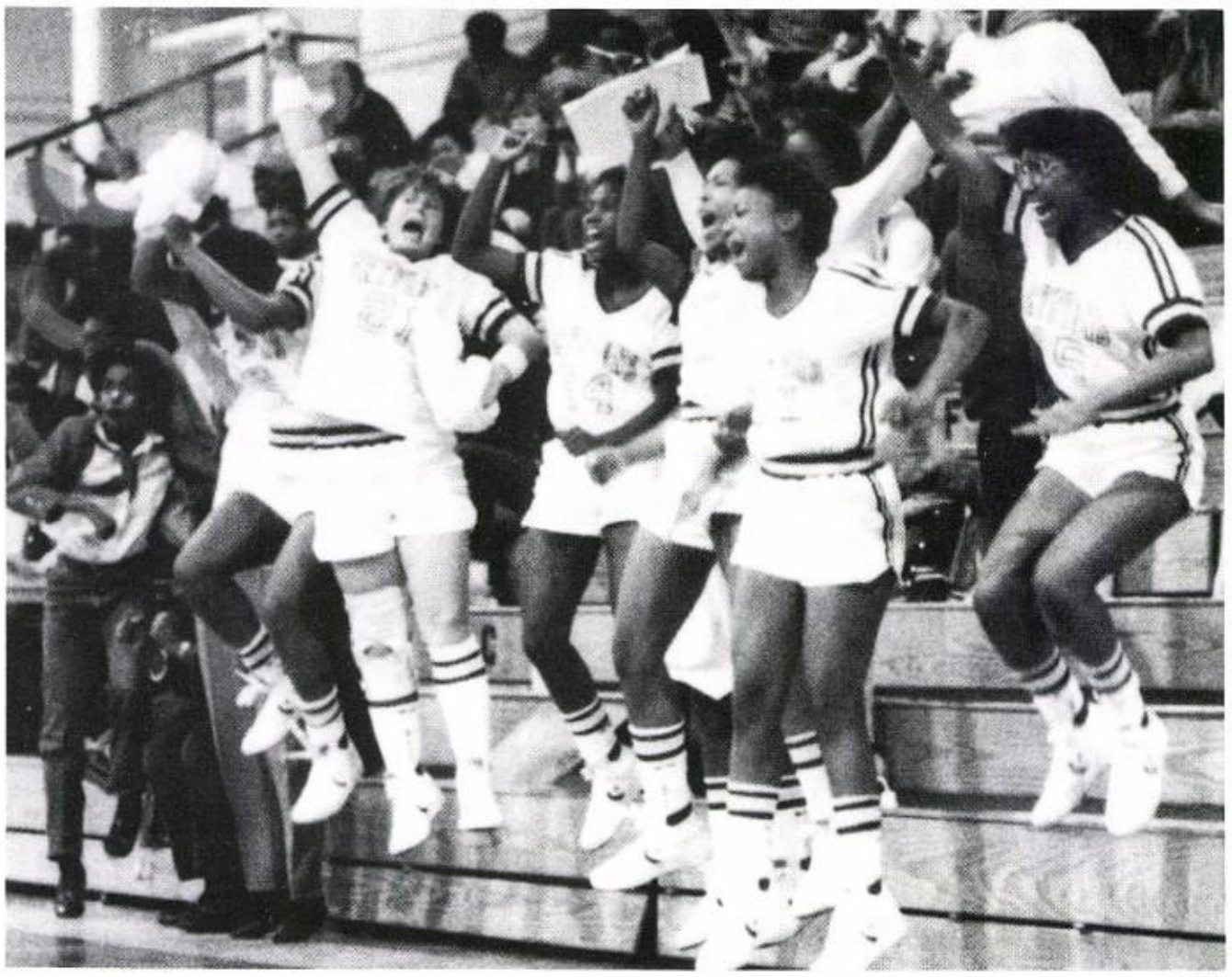
Sophomore Brenda Howell had her own plan for victory. "I have to be third in line when we come out for pre-game warm-up." Howell said.

Other members shared a few of their ideas. I can't play without my arm bands," senior Dina Robbins said.

"We all hate the blue uniforms" several players said.

"We never play as well away from home," senior Joylette Whitaker said.

Carmen Coley



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Judging by reactions of the Lady Gryphs, superstitions pay off!

Taking a math test on a game day, seniors Dina Robbins and Jewel Sharpe have Mrs. Dixon's help toward winning.

Working up a sweat

Girls win conference tourney

"We had a lot of talent to come from Edwards, and it helped the team," senior Jewel Sharpe said. The 1984-85 team started out better the previous year; that doesn't mean that the team didn't have its difficulties. The season started with a loss, the Southwest, but the team never had a losing streak of more than three games.

Key players were found in seniors Jewel Sharpe and Dina Robbins. "Some of our success came from our power under the boards and our leadership under the guards," junior Brenda Howe said. "We had a better team than our record showed," she added.

"Overall we had a pretty good season"

"Some of the problems were caused by our loss of talent over the last three years," senior Joylette Whitaker said.

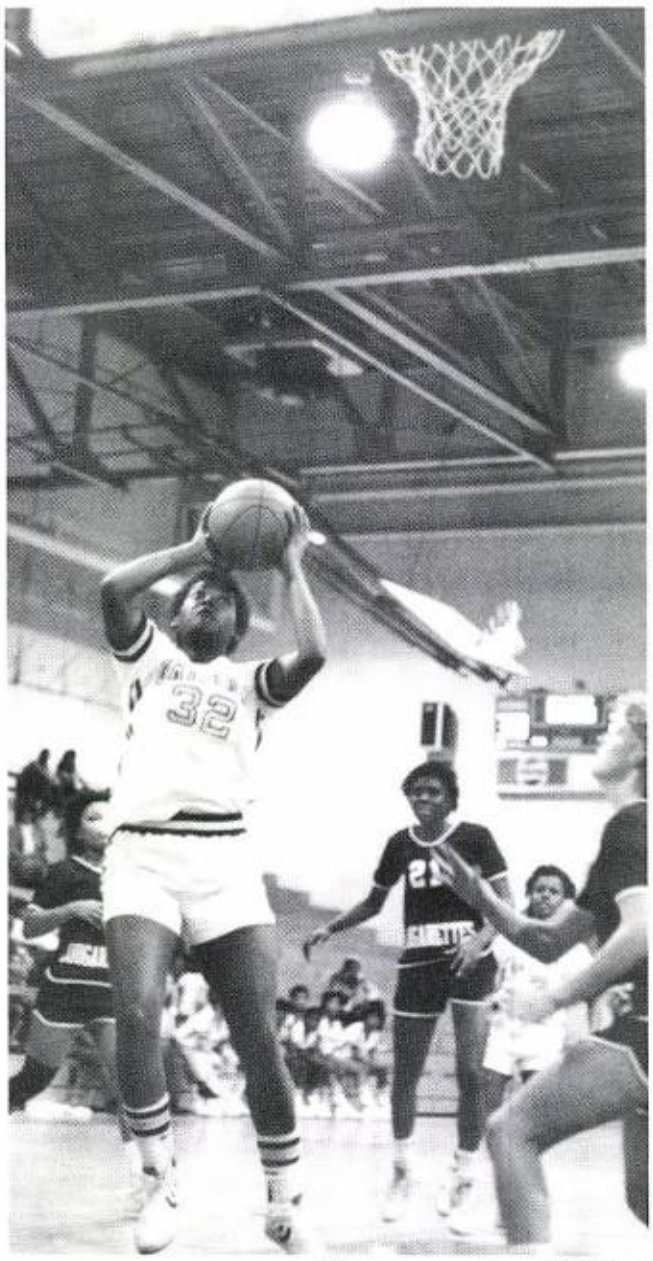
"The team was really better than the record indicated. Losing some close games overall, we had a pretty good season," senior Dina Robbins said.

— Michael Walker and Sandy Roberson —

Hicks/Parks

Bringing the ball down court, sophomore Brenda Howell out dribbles an opponent.

With her eyes focused on the basket, senior Jewel Sharpe goes up for a jump shot in the lane.



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girls basketball

Rocky Mount		Opposition
29	Southwest Edgecombe	67
56	Goldsboro	52
41	Eastern Wayne	52
37	Goldsboro	65
58	Eastern Wayne	46
25	Southwest Edgecombe	72
36	Beddingfield	58
34	Greenville Rose	41
49	Northern Nash	40
44	Wilson Hunt	48
58	Northeastern	31
51	Wilson Fike	47
48	Kinston	49
56	Wilson Beddingfield	64
36	Greenville Rose	47
56	Northern Nash	52
32	Wilson Hunt	45
72	Northeastern	45
48	Kinston	49
38	Wilson Fike	48
	Overall 6-14	
	Conference 5-9	

Hicks/Parks

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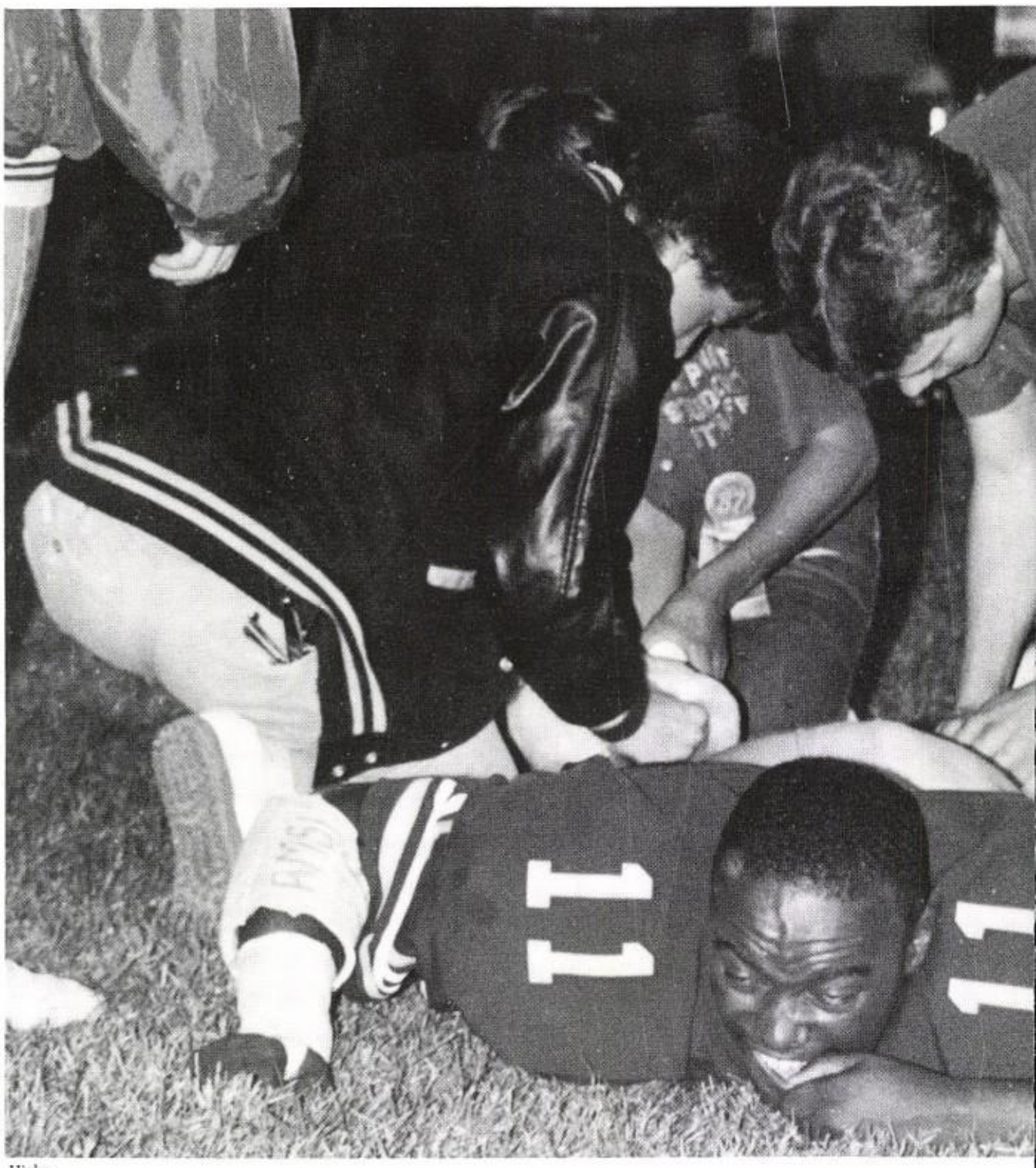
Hicks/Parks

Members of the girls basketball team are: **TOP ROW:** Brenda Williams, Tuwanna Dupree, Miriam Hicks, Jewell Sharpe, Lenetta Williams, Anne Dukes, and Danielle Hannon. **FRONT ROW:** Michelle Battle, Dina Robbins, Bessie Pullen, Joylette Whitaker, Brenda Howell, Sheila Ruffin, and Tina Stokes.

Dribbling past her opponent, senior Joylette Whitaker brings the ball down court against a Southwest opponent.

Hicks



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Taping ankles is a common chore for trainers and managers as senior Ernest Suggs demonstrates.

With just the right touch, the Gryphon trainers work to relieve senior Terrance Dickens' cramped muscles.

Walker/Parks

Bernie's Angels. TOP ROW: Kristin Holding, Carmen Coley, Gretchen Davis, and Mary Hadley Whitaker. **FRONT ROW:** Robin Strickland and Rhonda Strickland.

A special kind of athlete

Working hard for the athletic program

"Brian, Ernie, where are my keys?" "Angels come here, there's work to be done." Trainer Bernie Capps' demands were often heard in the field house by a frequently overlooked group of people — the athletic trainers, statisticians, and managers. These devoted students gave countless hours of behind-the-scenes work to the athletic department.

"Being on the sidelines during the football games makes all the hard work worthwhile."

— Kristin Holding

Some of "Bernie's Angels" started working in July, long before the football team started practice in August. "We went every day to file physicals and eligibility.

"Everything had to be ready before the players started practicing," sophomore Rhonda Strickland added.

"We had to fold and stack the uniforms, label football helmets, assign lockers, register players, and do anything else Bernie found for us to do," sophomore Mary Hadley Whitaker said.

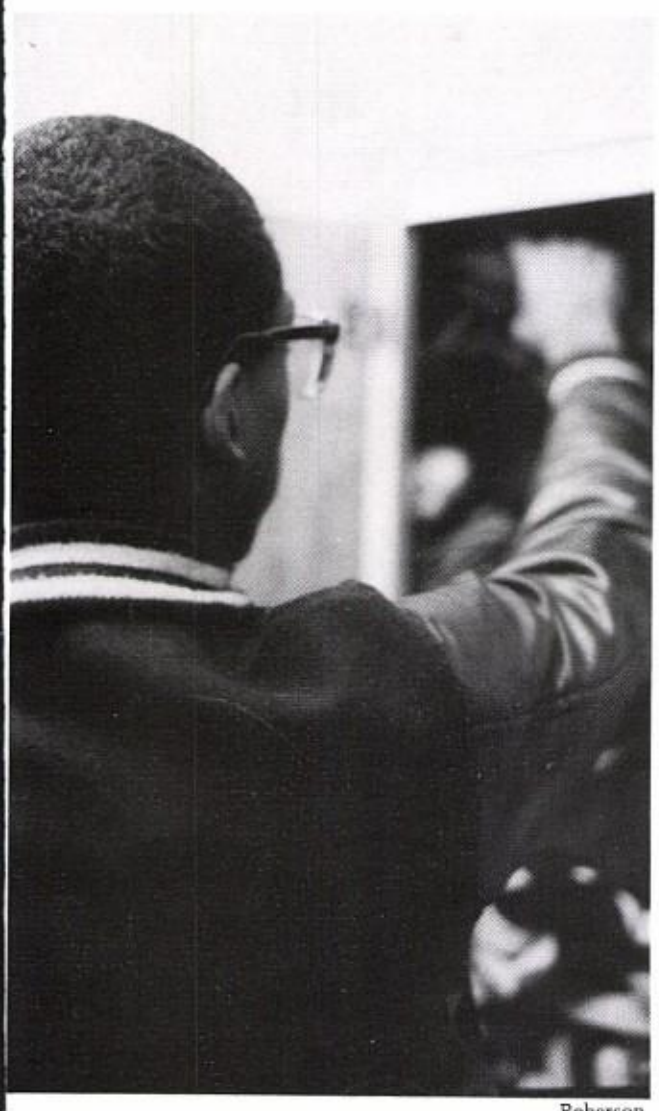
"Being on the sidelines during the football games makes all the hard work worthwhile," sophomore Kristin Holding said.

Soccer statisticians also had a lot of work to do, but they mostly remembered the fun. "I had a lot of fun with the soccer players. They are a great bunch of guys," senior Alicia Johnson said.

Carmen Coley

Walker/Parks

Members of the Gryphon student staff are FRONT ROW: Bryan James, Ernest Suggs, and Tom Bruno. **TOP ROW:** Steve Livesay, John Batts, and Billy Owens.



Roberson

Checking on supplies, senior Ernest Suggs keeps an inventory for the coaching staff.

Action until the end

But often with disappointment

"I don't think we played up to our potential," sophomore John Coley said. The JV Gryphs were predicted to have a very successful season, but with a 10-10 record, they barely managed to break even.

"We had problems with turnovers and inconsistent playing," sophomore Tim Pullen said.

"We had the most talent in the league, but it just wouldn't come together for us," sophomore Matt Cary said.

"We had the most talent in the league, but it just wouldn't come together for us."

— Matt Cary

The Gryphones were led by freshman Steve "Step" Ricks, who averaged over twenty points per game. "Step was the key to our powerful inside game," sophomore Adrian Cooper said.

The Gryphons benefitted from the transition game. Sophomore David Jones led in assists, often passing to sophomore Matt Cary and freshmen Step Ricks for easy baskets. "We were able to open up some tight games by using the fast break," sophomore David Jones said.

Sophomore center John Coley anchored the Gryphon defense. "Our defense caused many turnovers which led to fast break opportunities," freshman Kenny Porter said.

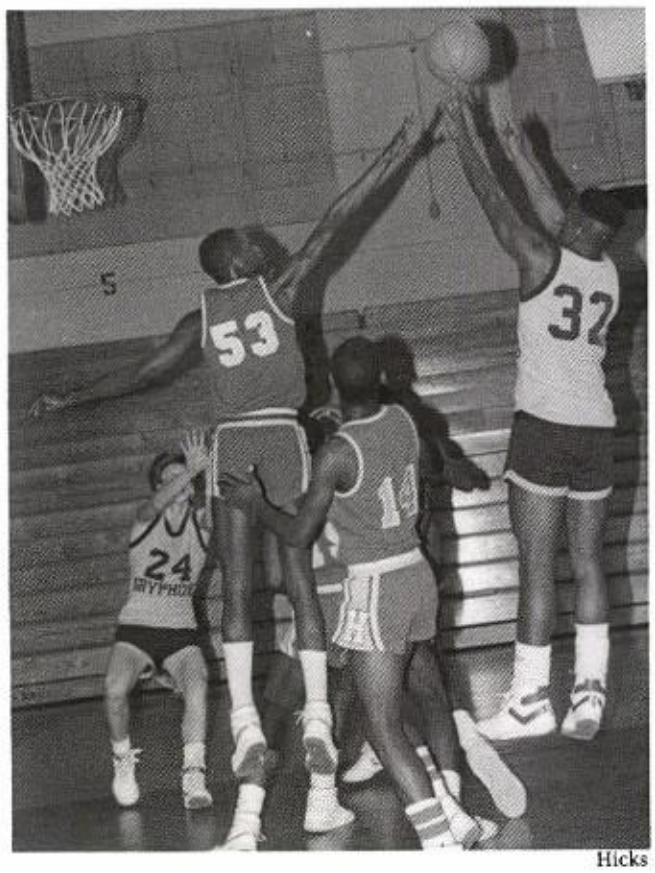
"Our failure to run the offense hurt us in tight ballgames," sophomore Donald Armstrong said.

The Gryphons felt they should have won more games than they did. Several games were lost by only a few points. "Most of our games were not settled until the last minutes of the game," freshman Step Ricks said.

Carmen Coley

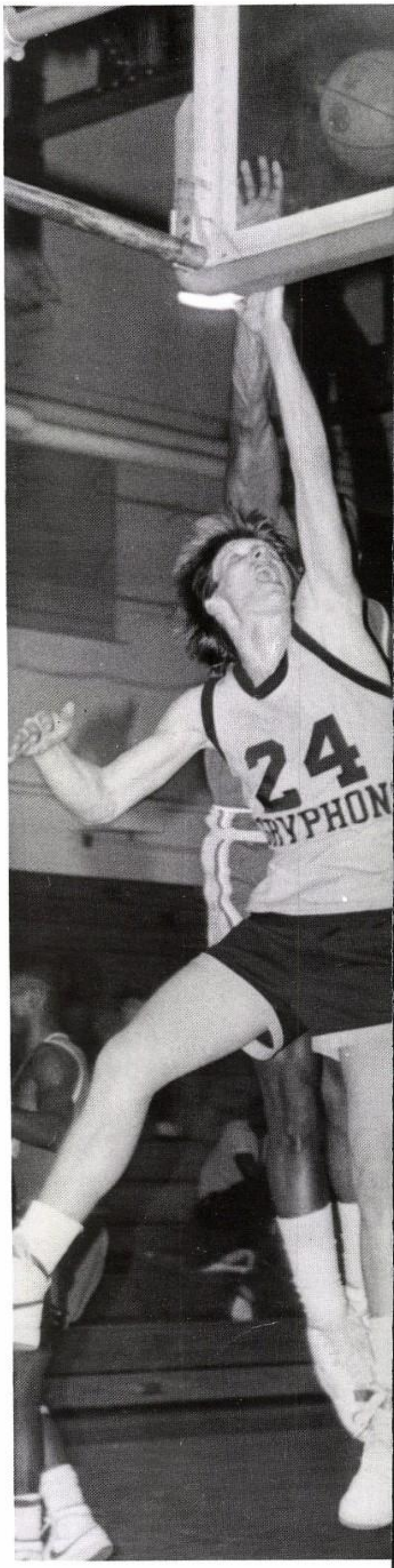
Hicks

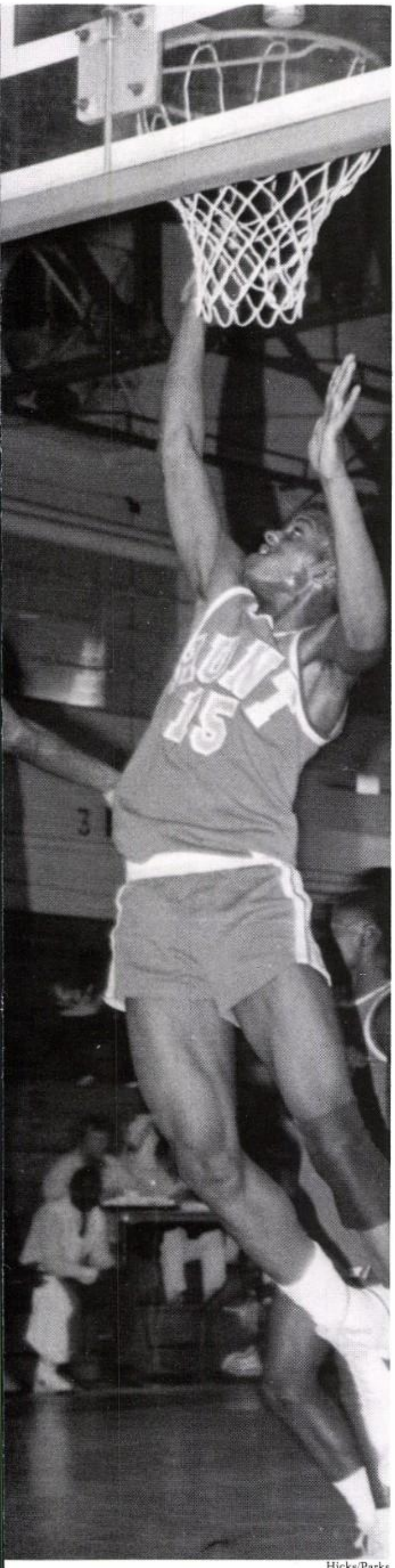
Members of the j.v. basketball team are: TOP ROW: Tom Bruno, Rod Lawrence, Ken Porter, John Coley, Anthony "Gooch" Hortman, Adrian Cooper, Matt Cary, Donald Armstrong. **BOTTOM ROW:** Tim Pullen, Earl Nicholson, David Jones, Elbert Davis, Steve Ricks.



Hicks

Shooting over his opponent, freshman Step Ricks goes for two.





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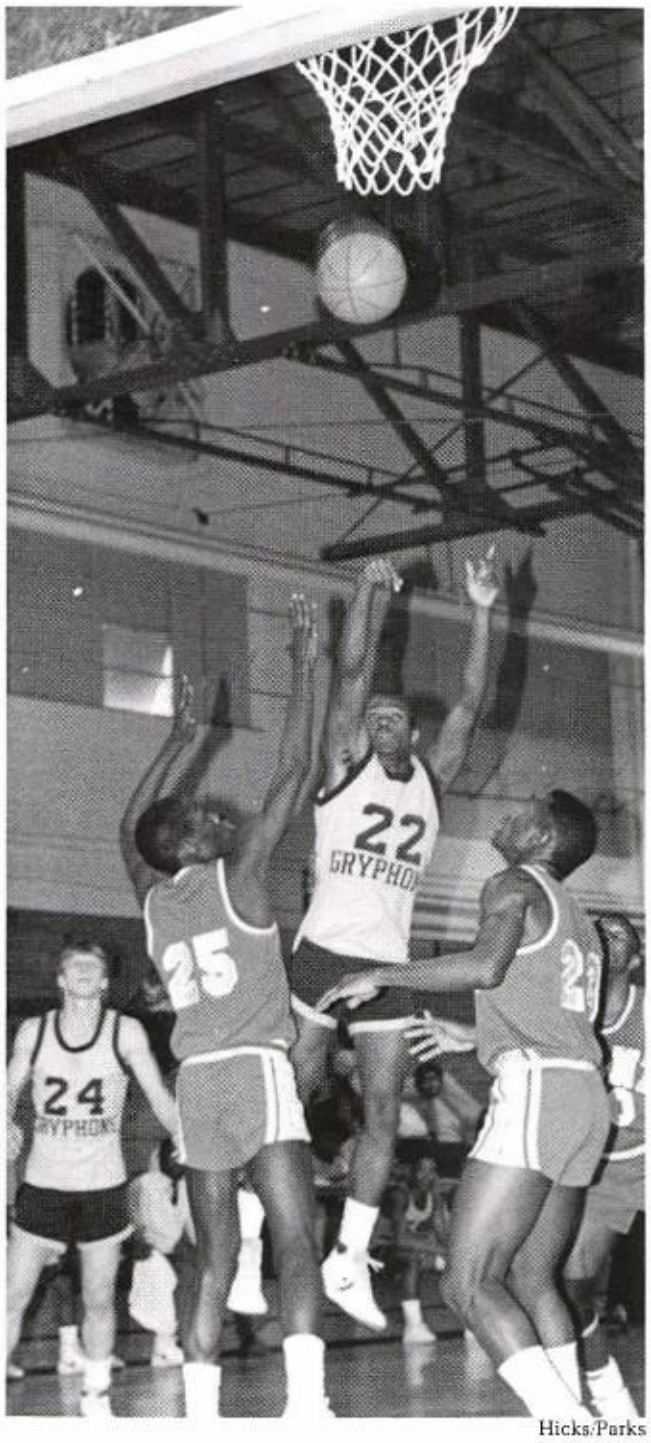
Going for two points under the basket, sophomore Matt Cary puts up a shot.

Putting up a soft jumper, sophomore Adrian Cooper hits two for the Gryphons.



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basketball

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70	Eastern Wayne	62
78	Southwest Edgecombe	58
50	Beddingfield	56
60	Rose	64
49	Northern Nash	42
63	Hunt	59
65	Northeastern	52
60	Fike	43
60	Kinston	65
42	Beddingfield	43
52	Rose	61
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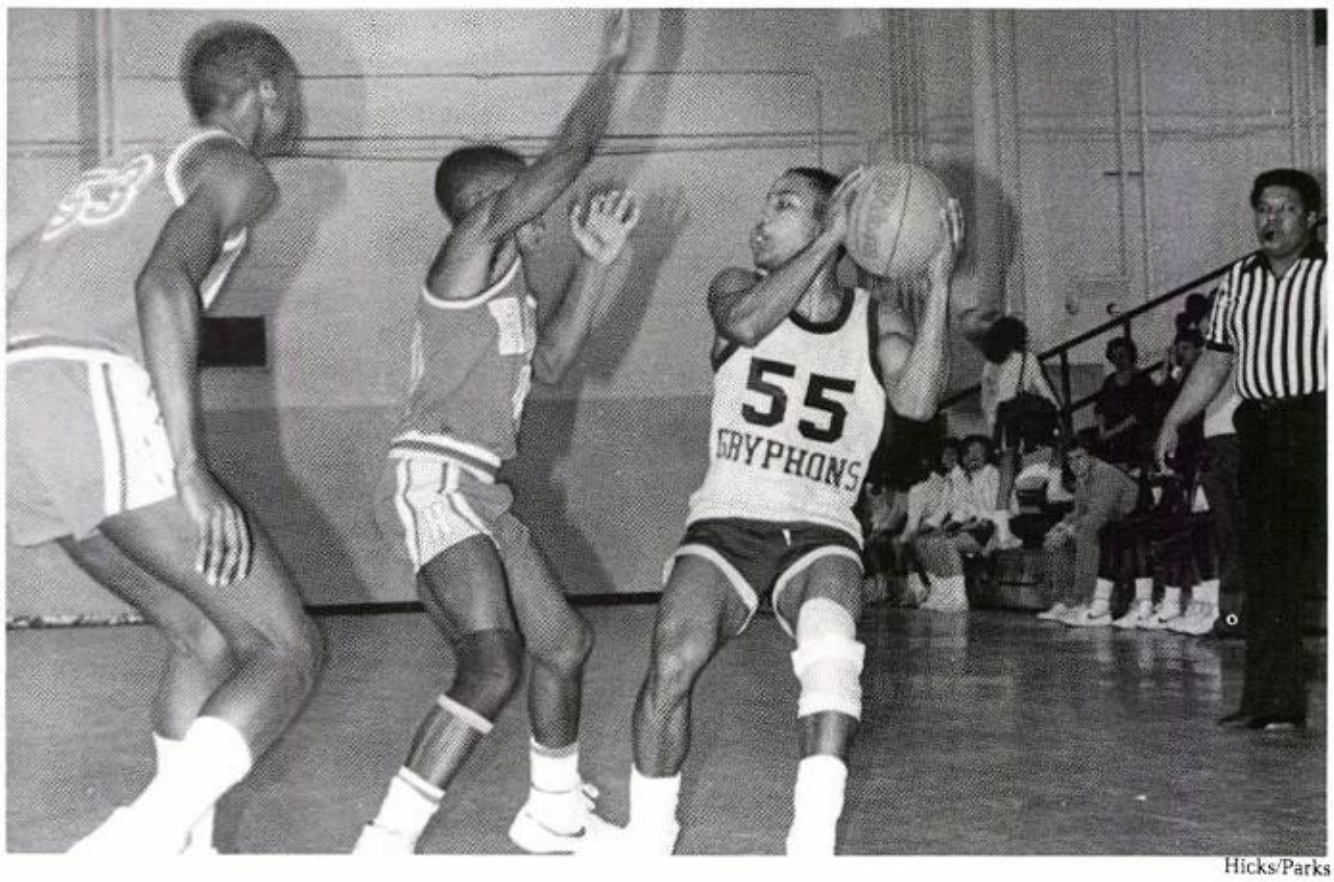
Trying to get the ball inside, sophomore David Jones looks for a teammate under the basket.



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Images and reality

Cracking the sterotype

J.V.

The cheerleader sterotype — an affliction that strikes every cheerleader regardless what school she attends. It is the vacuous, pampered, beauty queen image that accompanies the word cheerleader.

"Cheering involves so much more than most people realize. It demands as much time, dedication and practice as any other sport," said senior Katurah Hartley.

"We have so much spirit, but it is not until the student body catches our spirit that the whole school is able to have spirit." — Kathryn Fisher

Well, where did the sterotype come from? Certainly not from Senior High. The twelve girls who made up the varsity cheerleading squad were far from airheaded and pampered. It took brains as well as nerves to whip out all those pep rallies, skit ideas, chants, cheers and daring, crowd-catching stunts.

"The hardest part of being a cheerleader is facing a bored, listless audience. The best part is watching the crowd get fired up," said junior Rebecca Garrison. Throughout all the long practices, numerous games and extra activities, the girls remained good friends and experienced the joys of working together as a team.

"We got along very well and I became a lot closer to the members of the squad," said junior Kim Bunn.

The squad always stayed up, ready to cheer the Gryphs on to victory.

"We have so much spirit, but it is not until the student body catches our spirit that the whole school is able to have spirit," said senior Kathryn Fisher.

Someone had to lead the sophomore class in supporting their peers at athletic events. Eight lucky girls won the honor. Cheering at Senior High seemed an ideal back last spring when they were contemplating trying out. They obviously did not know what was in store for them.

"I was so scared before the first pep rally. I had heard so many rumors," said sophomore Kristi Moore.

The upperclassmen finally let up on their baby friends and soon the cheerleaders were accepted by the student body. The girls showed super enthusiasm at the J.V. games and formed deep friendships with the members of the squad.

"We've had a good year and I've really enjoyed cheering," said sophomore Cissie Eagles.

The cheerleaders also depended on the advice of their adviser, Katie McGee.

"We never could have made it through the rough spots without her help," said sophomore Kristi Moore.

Rainey Astin

That's me! -R.V. #58

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Members of the varsity cheerleading squad: Sally Edmonston, Joy Sallenger, Amy Winstead, Rebecca Garrison, Polly Winstead, Rainey Astin, Sharon Pittman, Kim Sturdivant, Kim Bunn, Katurah Hartley, Kathryn Fisher, and Angela Franklin.

Sophomores Becky Astin and Shawn Joyce smile to show both their enthusiasm for cheering and the friendship they have found through it.

Juniors Amy Winstead and Kim Bunn hold a banner encouraging the Varsity to victory.

Members of the J.V. squad are: Cissie Eagles, Shawn Joyce, Denita Hicks, Chinita Riddick, Kristi Moore, Paige Parker, Becky Astin and Felicia Saunders.

my love!
-R.V.

Courtesy

Hicks

Walker

Hoping to inspire the crowd, the varsity cheerleaders set an example with a well-executed cheer.

Tough and built to stay that way

The wrestling Gryphs experienced another successful year. "Becoming a great wrestler means many hard hours of practice, working to increase your strength and maneuver new moves while skipping meals to enable yourself to stay at your weight class," junior David Livingston said.

Meeting weight class was a vital factor to the wrestling team this year. "We would have gone undefeated if we had not experienced problems with meeting weight class and obedience," senior Matthew Westcott said.

These problems were overcome by the time they went to the conference tournaments. The wrestling Gryphs won the conference tournament. Seniors Mike Webb, Jerome Bulluck, and junior Cedric Mercer took first place in their individual weight classes. Junior John Sharpe and sophomore Marcel Wallace took second place in their individual weight classes. Junior Otis Saunders took third place in his individual weight class. Senior Matthew Westcott and junior David Livingston took fourth place in their individual weight class. The following weekend sectionals were held. Juniors Jeff Smith and John Sharpe, won second place. Senior Mike Webb and junior Cedric Mercer won third place. Senior Jerome Bulluck won fourth place. The next weekend only one wrestler advanced. Senior Mike Webb placed fourth and advanced to state.

"Becoming a great wrestler means many hard hours of practice . . ."

— David Livingston

"He who loses, can at least say he tried. The loser may sulk, the winner shows pride. The loser's lost may not be known. After wrestling that hard, good sportsmanship should be known," junior Ron Henderson said.

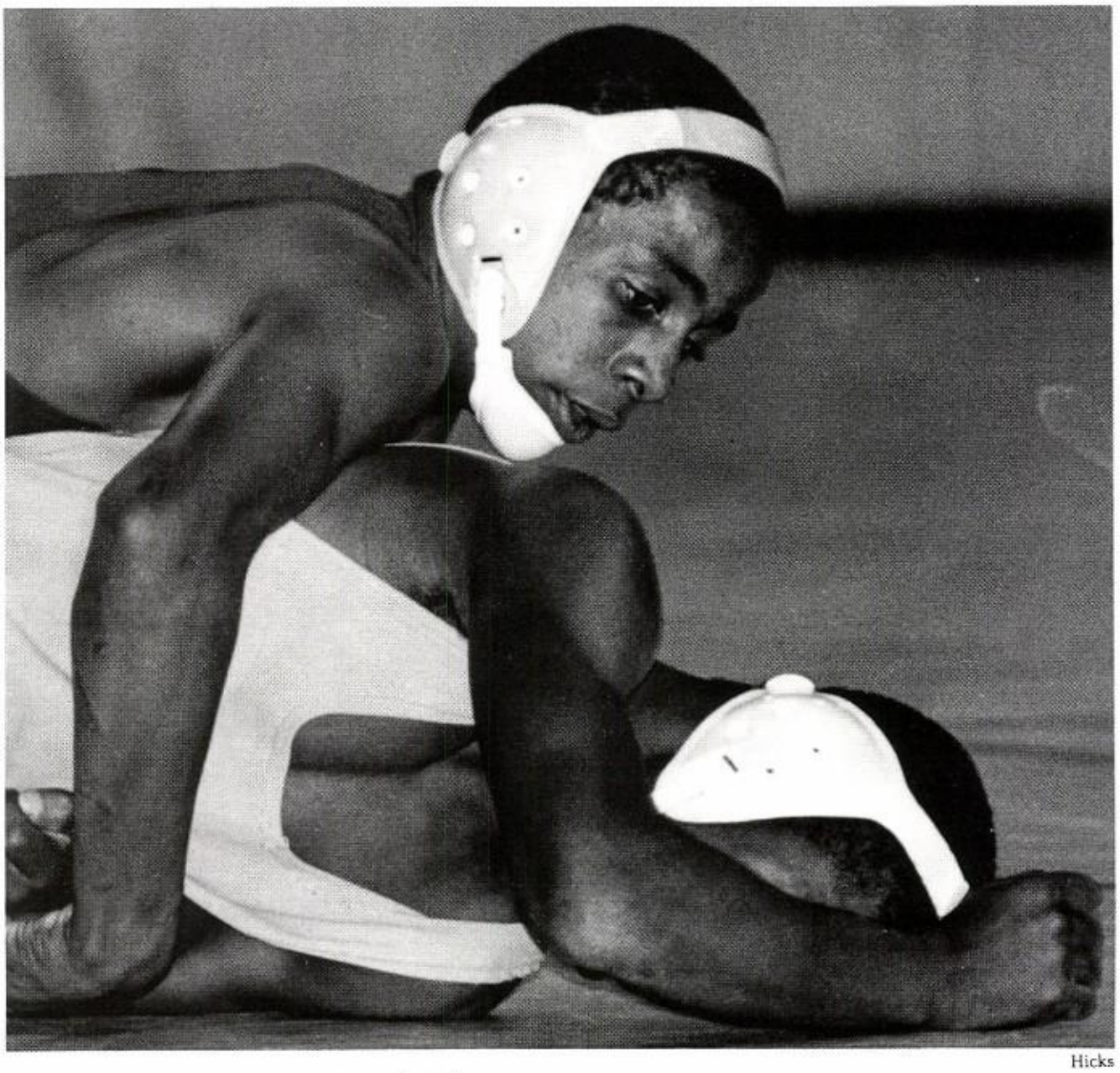
Cindy Wise

Always on top, senior Mike Webb stacks his opponent Ricky Hall from Beddingfield.

wrestling

RMSH		Opponent
W —	Goldsboro	L
W —	Fike	L
W —	Eastern Wayne	L
L —	Beddingfield	W
L —	Rose	W
W —	Northern Nash	L
W —	Hunt	L
W —	Northeastern	L
W —	Kinston	L
W —	Fike	L

Overall — 8-2



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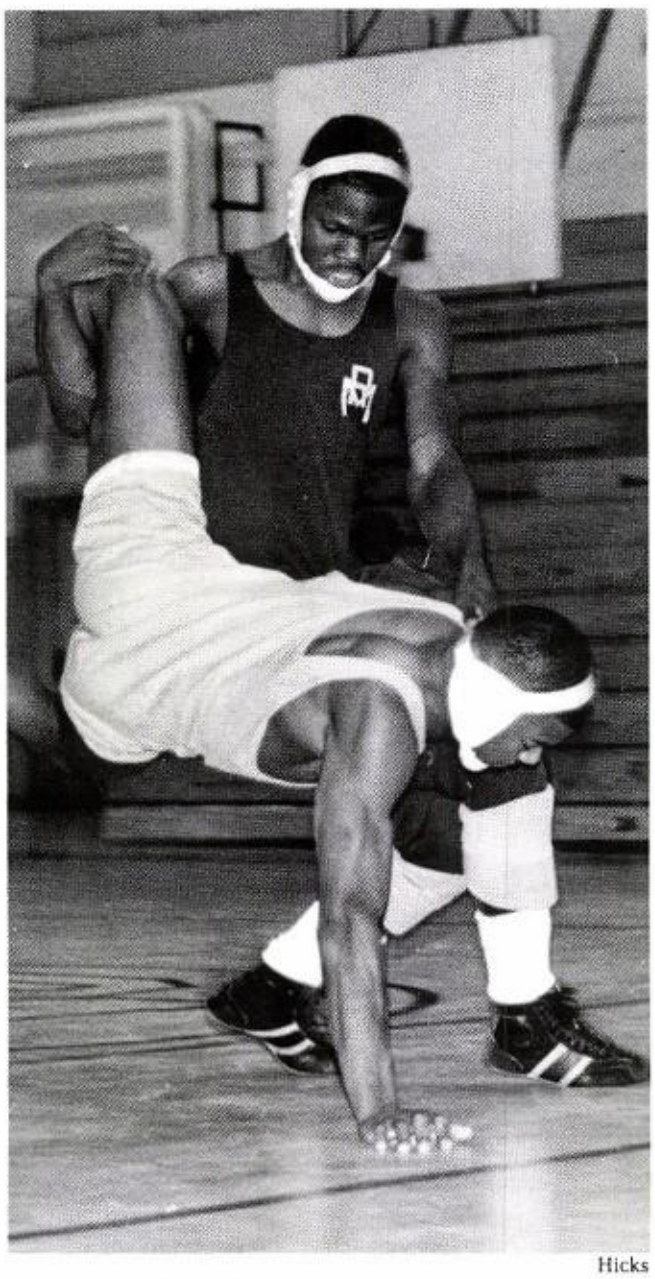
With a two-on-one sophomore Marcel Wallace tortures his opponent.



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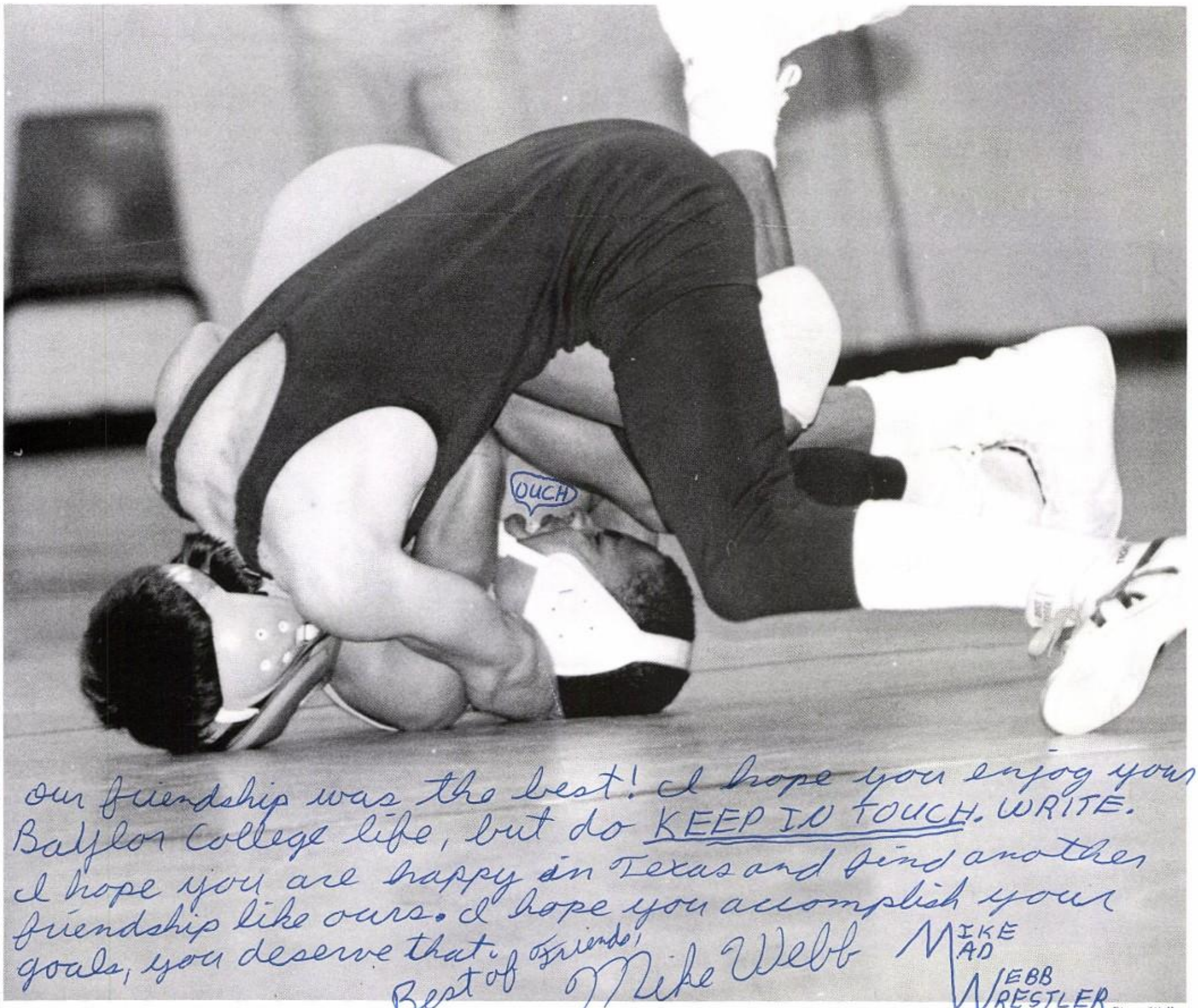
How do you handle a hungry man?? Junior John Sharpe uses the over-under ride to manhandle his opponent.



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Best of friends!
Mike Webb
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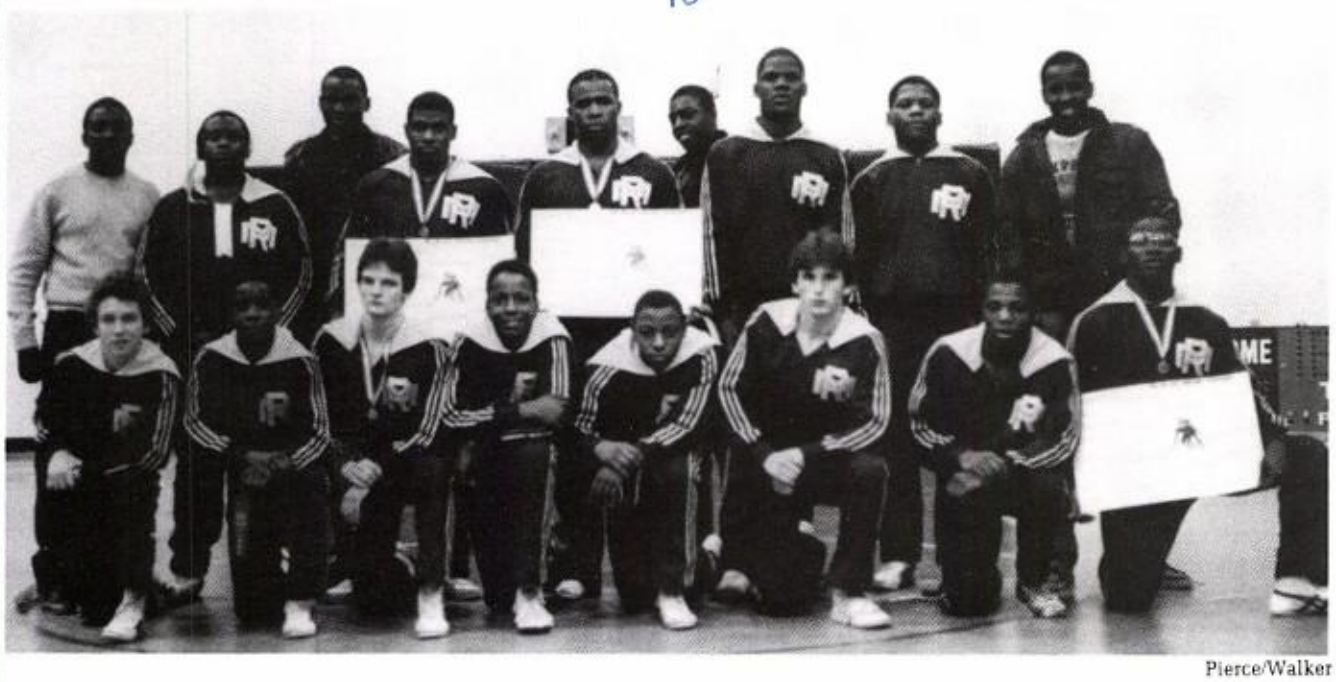
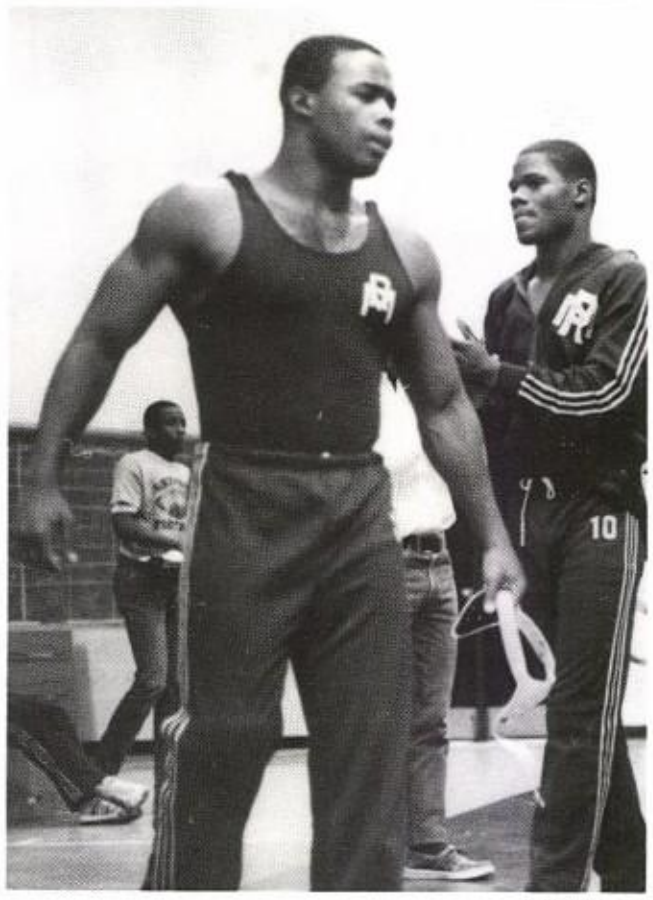


Pierce/Walker

Members of the wrestling team are: FRONT ROW: David Livingston, Marcel Wallace, Mike Webb, Antonio Whitehead, Ron Henderson, Matthew Westcott, Tim Crandle, Jeff Smith. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Bob Hudkins, Paul Smith, Otis Saunders, Jerome Bulluck, Cedric Mercer, John Sharpe. **THIRD ROW:** Kenny Gray, Brodrick Rouse, and Raymond Crandle.



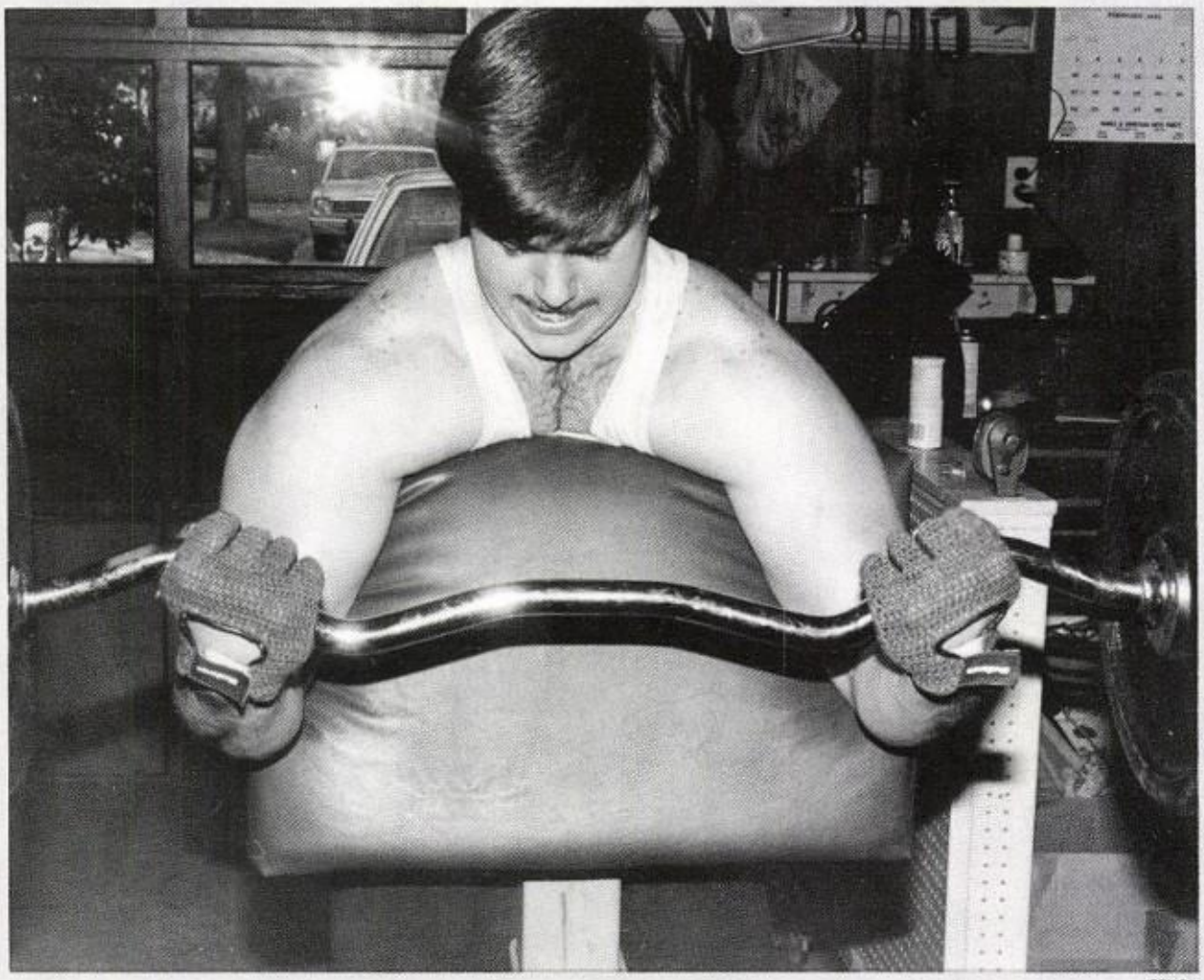
Hicks/Walker

Getting psyched up for his next opponent, senior Cedric Mercer advances toward the mat.

Inside athletics

Individuals make the sports scene

"Well, I got into weight lifting about a year ago; my brother-in-law really got me interested, senior Tim Goodsell said. Goodsell, a 185-pound senior, would like to be a body builder in his near future. Goodsell's routine consists of workouts six days a week for one and a half hours a day. Each day, Goodsell alternates working out with his arms, chest, and legs on a daily basis. Tim uses weight lifting to fill the void left by the many team sports he used to play. Tim has become so successful in his hobby that he conspires to compete in the Mr. Teen contest.



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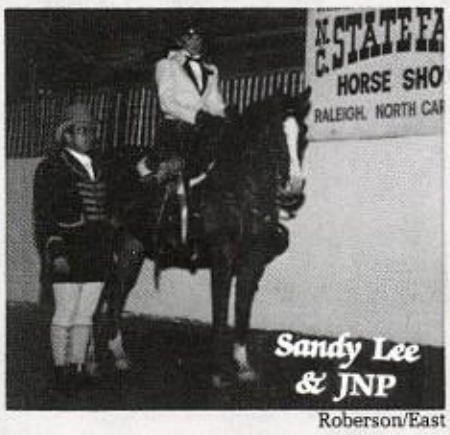
'I like weight lifting because success depends entirely on me," senior Tim Goodsell said.

Sandy Roberson



Roberson/East

"I got my horse in 1982 only after my parents realized that I wasn't going to lose my interest in horses," junior Dana Fortenbery said. Ms. Fortenbery had been riding horses for eight years when she received "Pzaaz," her Arabian horse. "The purchase of Pzaaz was rather quick and I found it hard to like him. Our relationship hadn't devloped yet," Fortenbery said.

"My devotion to horses has caused me to give up many of the things that most girls my age do. For example, I have given up Sub-Debs and even two prom invitations due to horse shows," Ms. Fortenbery said. "The hours that I spend conditioning Pzaaz both inside and out could not be traded for the finest guy at RMSH," she added.

The team of Pzaaz and Fortenbery have won the Virginia State Arabian Western Junior Exhibition, the N.C. State Fair Reserved Champion Arabian Western Amateur, the All Arabian show Reserved Champion, Arabian Western Junior Exhibition, Champion Junior Exhibitor NCAHSA Reserve Champion High Point Showmanship for Class A Shows, NCAHSA Champion High Point Arabian Western for Local Shows, and the Gallant Storm Western Arabian Challenge Trophy. "My most meaningful win was the Wayne Hawkins Memorial Trophy. Pzaaz was owned by the Wayne Hawkins family before I bought him and Pzaaz had never won the trophy until this year," junior Dana Fortenbery said.

Sandy Roberson

"My first year ever playing football was in the ninth grade. I spent two years on the varsity. In retrospect, my most memorable game was my eleventh grade year when we played Northern and I received the MVP award, senior Greg Joyner said.

At 6'2" and 220 pounds, Greg Joyner managed to grab 49 solo tackles while making 21 assists. Greg also made both All-conference and All-area teams. Joyner was heavily recruited but chose to stay close to home and play for Appalachian State.

"I chose Appalachian because of their academic program and the overall atmosphere," senior Greg Joyner said.

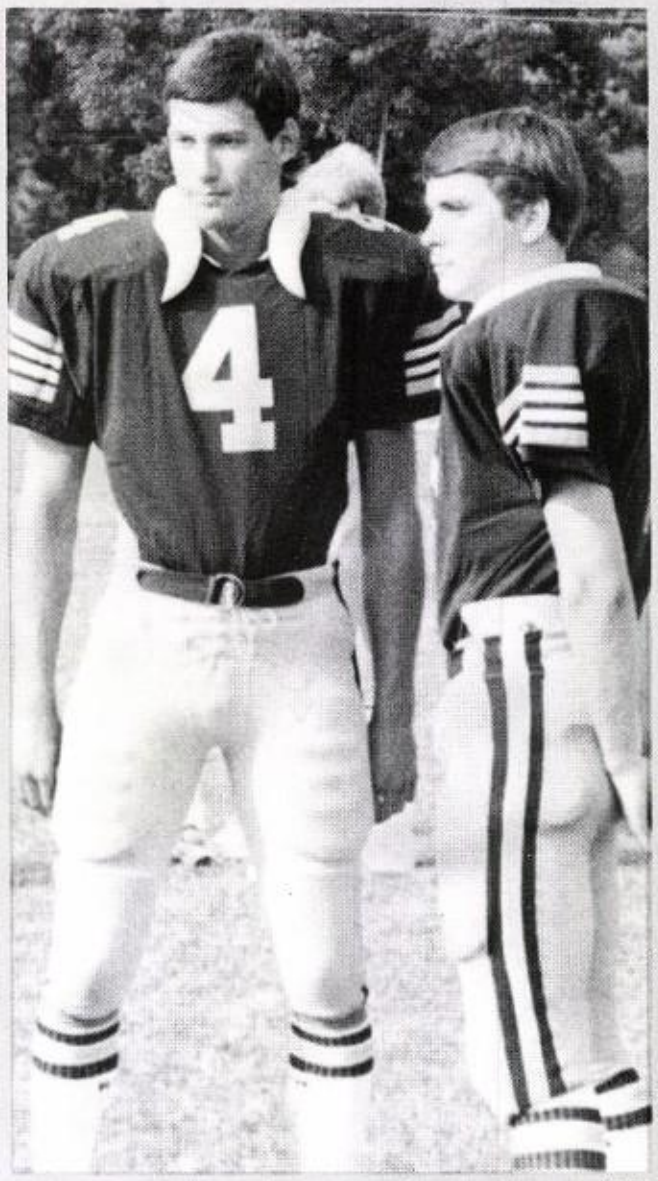
In addition to playing football, Joyner also ran track for the school.

Sandy Roberson

Senior Michael Doyle was selected to the all state roster after having an outstanding season this year. At 6'1" and weighing 185, Doyle made 44 tackles and 22 assists — good enough for all conference and all-area honors. Doyle rounded out his season with 5 interceptions and 17 receptions for 350 yards. Doyle plans to go to State where he adds he may walk on. According to Doyle his decision will depend on his performance in the East-West all star game to be played in July. Doyle was selected to the roster after being selected to the all state roster. "I was honored to say the least," Doyle said. "I was just lucky to be at the right place at the right time with a good team to make me look that much better," he added.

"I like to think of myself as a well rounded person — Grades mean a lot to me," the all-state senior said. "I plan to major in business and psychology at State so my grades have to be there," Doyle said. "I grew up in a house where academics was stressed and not athletics, so I really taught myself the basics in sports while learning the need to succeed in school," Doyle added.

Sandy Roberson



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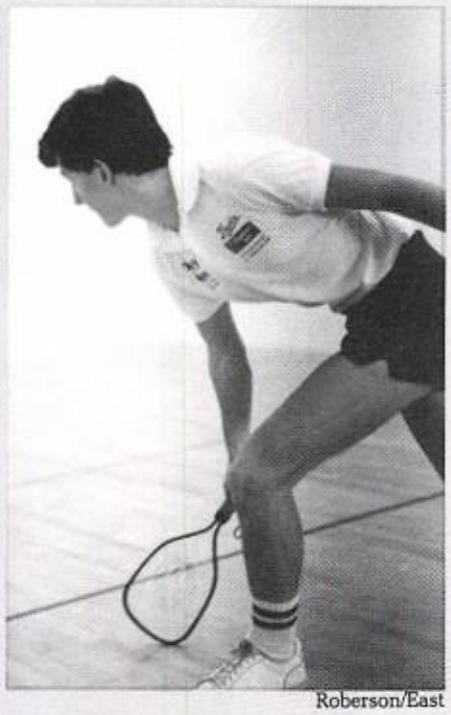
"Karate is basically a mental sport that requires self discipline and concentration," senior George Brown said. Brown became interested in karate last year after reading books on the subject and talking to an instructor at a local fitness center. A year's work has produced a green top belt for George.

"Although karate doesn't take a lot of physical ability, I left weights and run to help my discipline." senior George Brown said.

— Carmen Coley —



Roberson/East

Sophomore Ivey Powell became interested in racquetball after his sister, Mona Powell, began playing. He entered his first tournament in August, 1983 and won the Men's Novice and Juniors 18 and under competition. Powell was then introduced to Bobby Little, state champion of 1984, who became his coach. "Bobby helped me work on better, more accurate shots," Powell said. Little also encouraged Powell and his sister to enter state sanctioned tournaments. Powell has placed in many tournaments in Men's C, Men's D, Men's Novice, Juniors 18 and under, and Junior's 16 and under. He will be going to the state championship tournament to be held in Charlotte. Powell is sponsored and supported by the Nautilus Fitness Center.

— Carmen Coley —

Sophomore John Coley placed fourth in the overall competition at the 1984 North Carolina Hunter Safety Shooting Tournament. Over 800 students from 82 public and private schools competed in archery, riflery, and skeet shooting.

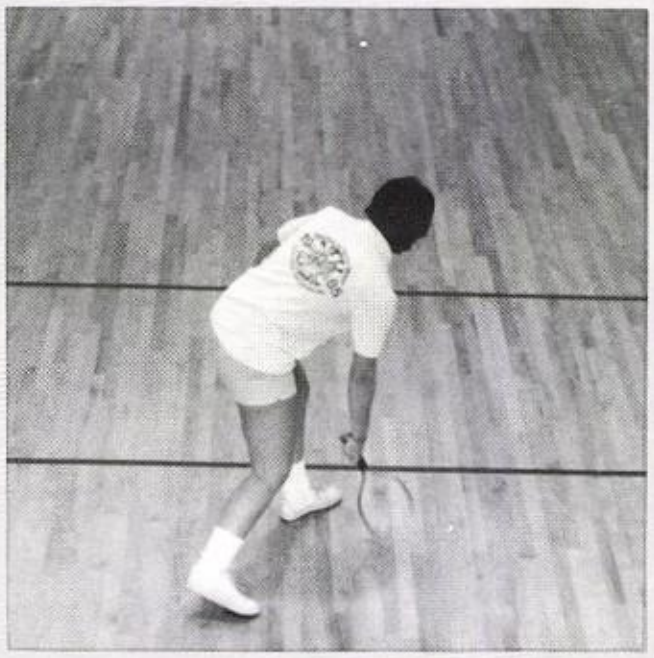
Coley tied for first place in skeet shooting with a perfect score of 200. He led his team to a seventh place overall finish. In 1983, Coley finished fifth in the state, and his team took second place honors. Because Rocky Mount Senior High does not have a shooting team, Coley no longer competes, but he is still an avid hunter. "My involvement with the shooting team came from my love for hunting," Coley said.

— Carmen Coley —

Senior Mona Powell is currently ranked first in the state in Women's Juniors 16 and under Racquetball. She started playing raquetball about a year ago and has taken lessons from Bobby Little, the number one player in the state. Powell has placed in fifteen tournaments across the state, including first place awards in Women's B, Women's C, Women's Novice, and 18 and under competitions.

"My parents have really supported me. Without them being at the tournaments, I never could have reached my goals," Powell said. Her goal now is to be first in the state in the Women's Open division.

— Carmen Coley —



"Well, my father played high school tennis and I guess that's how I got interested in tennis," sophomore Thomas Tanner said.

At 5'3" the high school junior has been playing tennis since the age of eight. Nine years of competitve tennis has been good to Thomas as he is currently ranked third in his division in North Carolina. Tanner is also ranked twenty-ninth in the Southern Tennis Association. "This summer I had the opportunity to tour in Europe. I toured for five weeks in Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Holland, and Austria," Tanner said.

"My most memorable experience was being able to play in the Junior Orange Bowl," Tanner said. "I have also been able to play in tournaments in Florida, Washington, and Tennessee," he added.

— Sandy Roberson —

inside

Community

The Rocky Mount Connection

During 1984-1985 Rocky Mount prospered. With the addition of the new mall, Station Square, the downtown community received a new look. Performances in the Christmas Parade and the Down East Festival also added to the atmosphere of new life.

Area businesses also contributed to the progress of the community. Hardee's made donations to the Marching Band while Mama Jean's provided funds for the Hi-Noc-Ar and at the same time provided free meals for the football team. Guardian Care and Westgate Nursing continued to care for the elderly and disabled. Stony Creek Rescue Squad, in cooperation with area hospitals, worked to aid the health of the community. The new road connecting Sunset and 301 helped many businesses prosper and provided easy access to businesses in the area.

Cultural attractions such as the Children's Museum, the Community Band, Tank Theater, Braswell Library, and the many parks added appeal to the community. In addition to cultural attractions were community organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Elks Club, and the Kiwanis Club. Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as members of the Jaycees, also provided services for the community. Throughout the years area businesses and organizations have contributed to the welfare of the community.

Larry Lancaster

Hicks

Ushering in the new season, the Rocky Mount Chamber Choir, under the direction of Marshall Butler, performs its annual spring concert.

Brentley S,

What a pleasure it has been sharing my senior year with you. You are an unique individual who is definately loved. I'm so glad we had biology together, it gave us a chance to get to know one another better. I'll never forget the day I met you... "Hello, I'm Brentley S. Kirkham"... What a treat, what a gentleman! I could never forget you and I hope you won't forget me. Texas is a long way away, but I know that is what you want. I hope all your dreams come true and your successful in all you do! You're special!

Best Wishes always! Love,
Kat (Katurah Hartley)

Hope to see you in the future!!

Lancaster/Parks

Among the performers with Bobbi Collins School of Dance, Tina Sears dances at the Down East Festival of the Arts.

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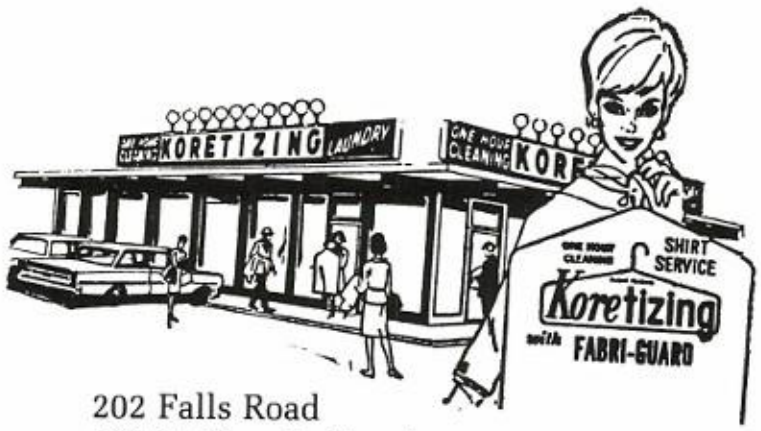

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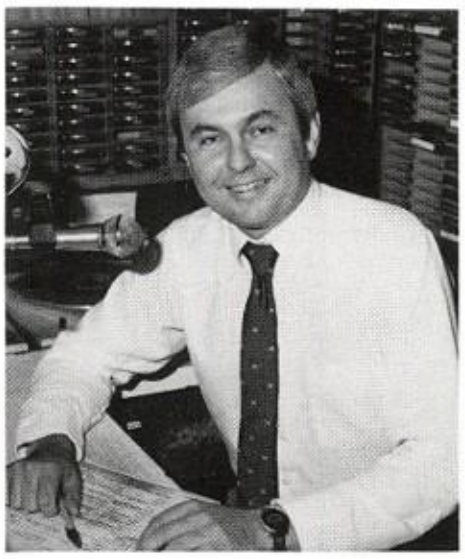

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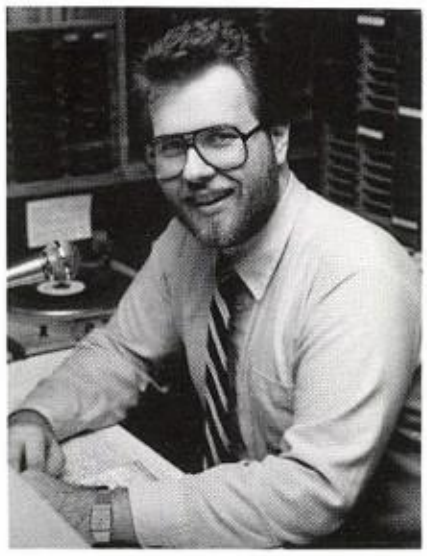

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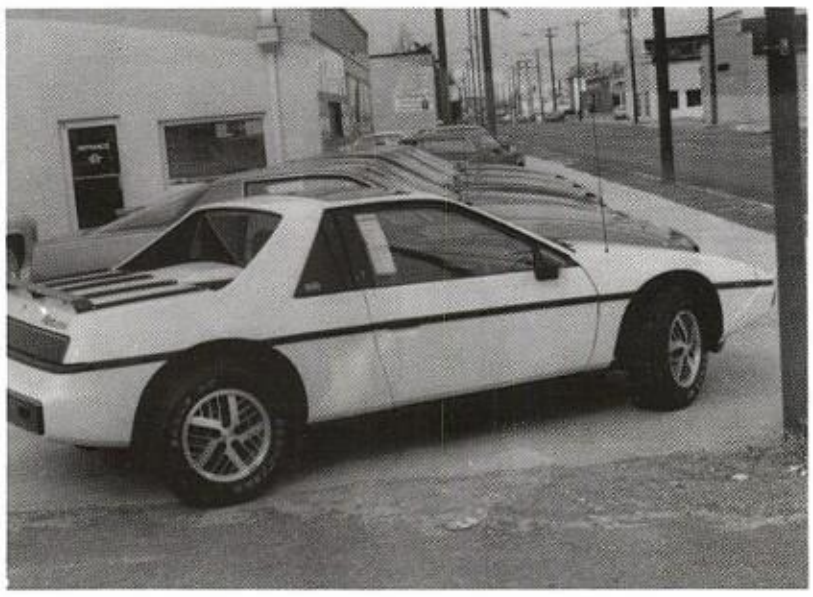

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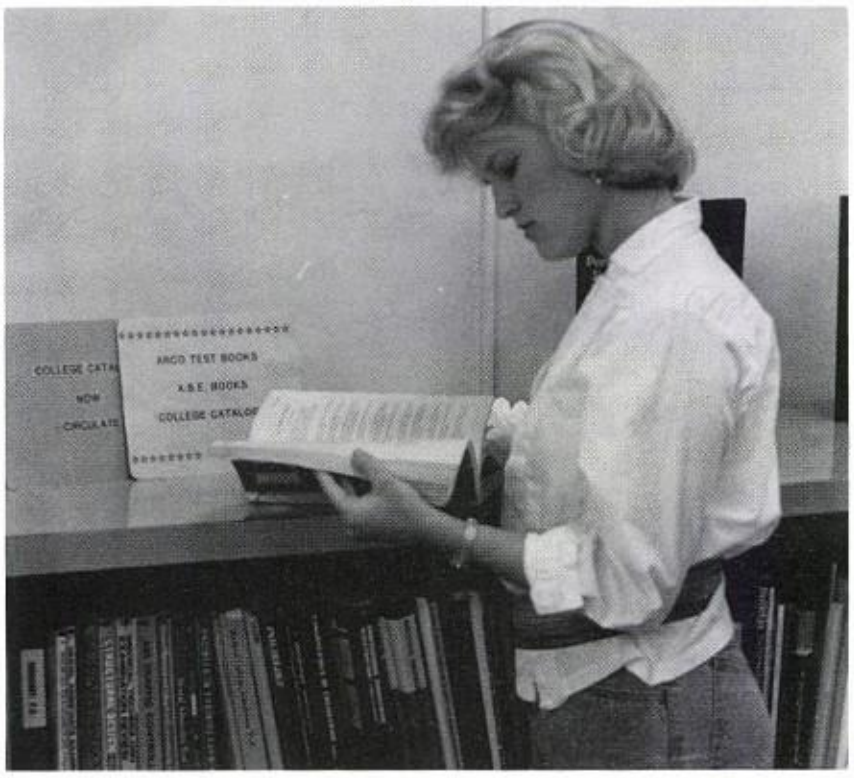

Junior Tonia Grooms enjoys the varied selection of books at Braswell.

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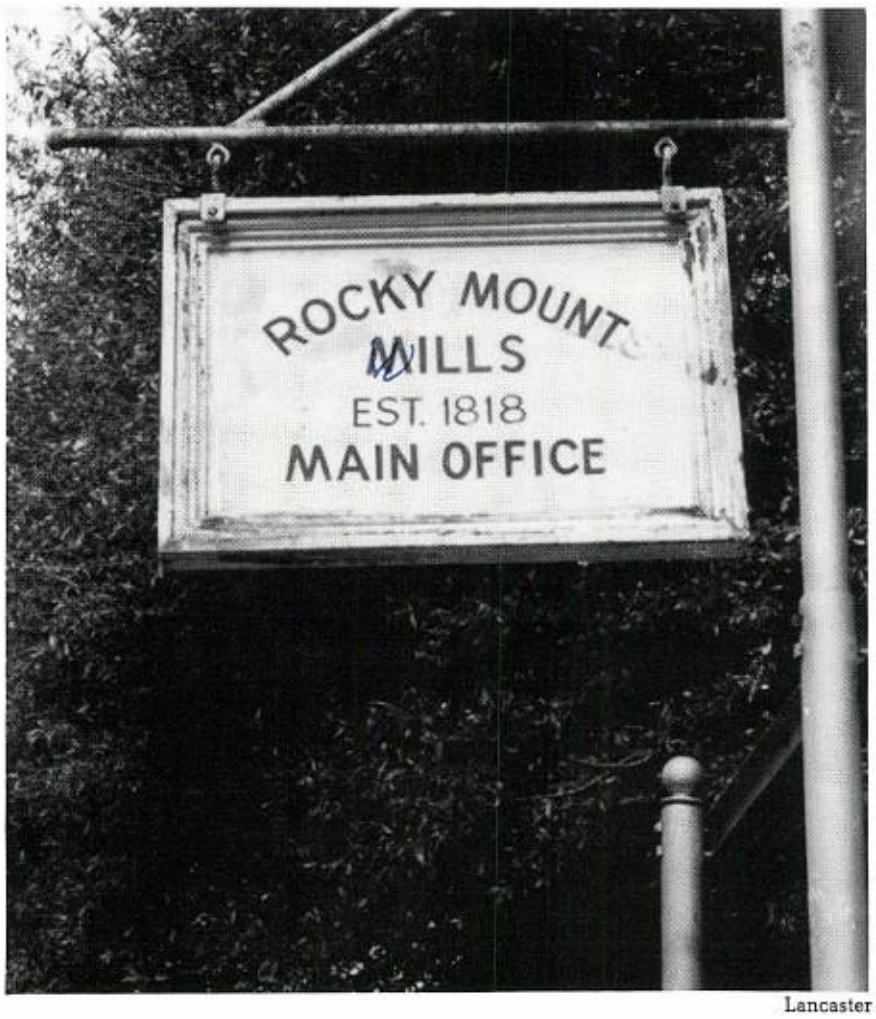

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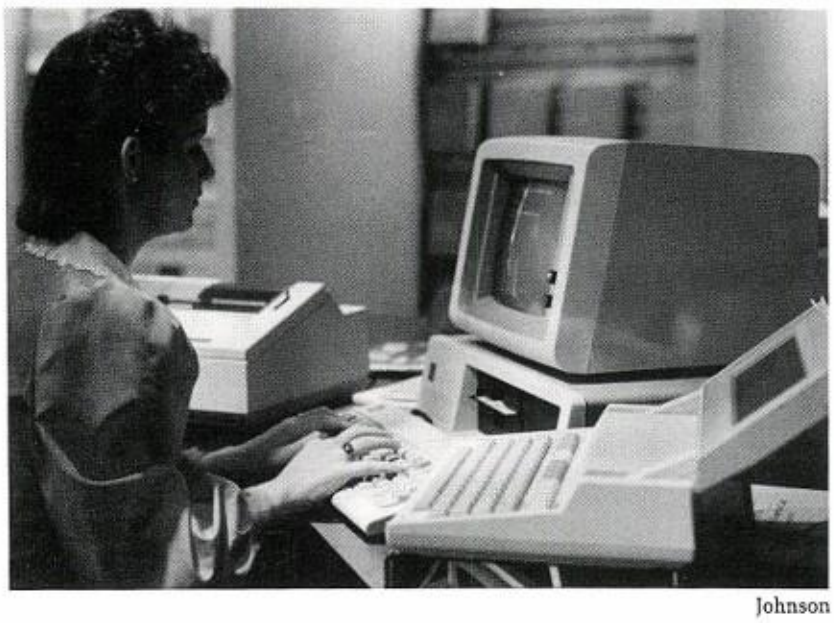
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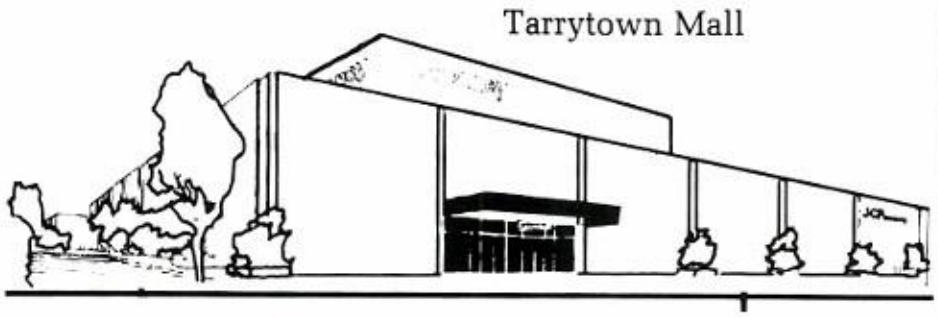

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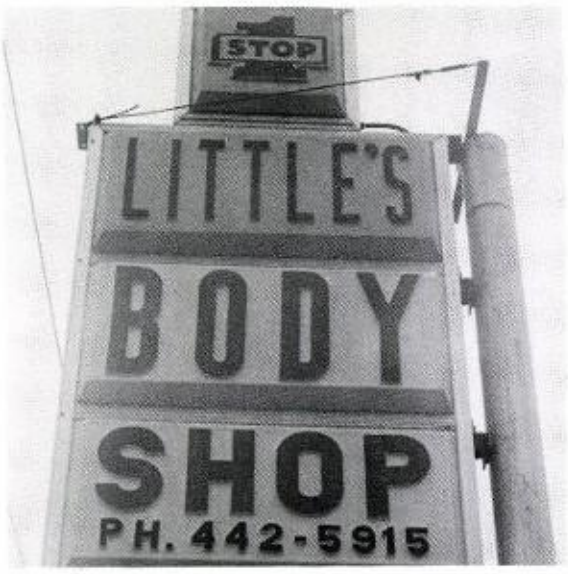

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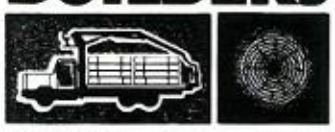

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I love you,
Elizabeth Cooper

Brentley,
I Really know what to say! you are defintely the most interesting person I have ever known. Even though we only met this year it seems like we have know each other for a lifetime! When I walked into mrs Brown's class this year and saw you sitting there, I was so excited. I thought to myself after all these years I finally am in a class with Brently S. Kirkham. I just could not believe it. Little did I know what I was setting myself up for. I am not even half way through and I already feel the tears about to pour! Brentley you have been more than a friend to me this year. Rememb all those times you would ask me "well Stephanie, who can I ask out this weekend" Brentley, what the hell (opps) was wrong with me? after months of cogitating I came to the conclusion that since I was not "Salley Sophomore" I did not meet up to your standards!

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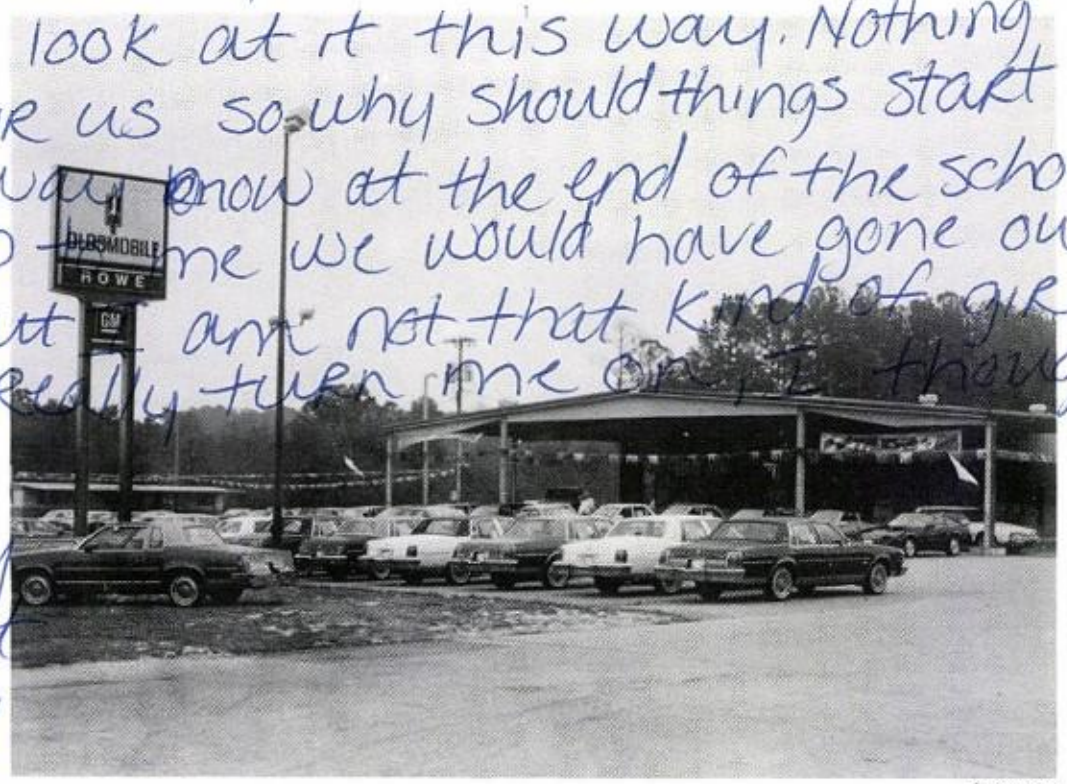

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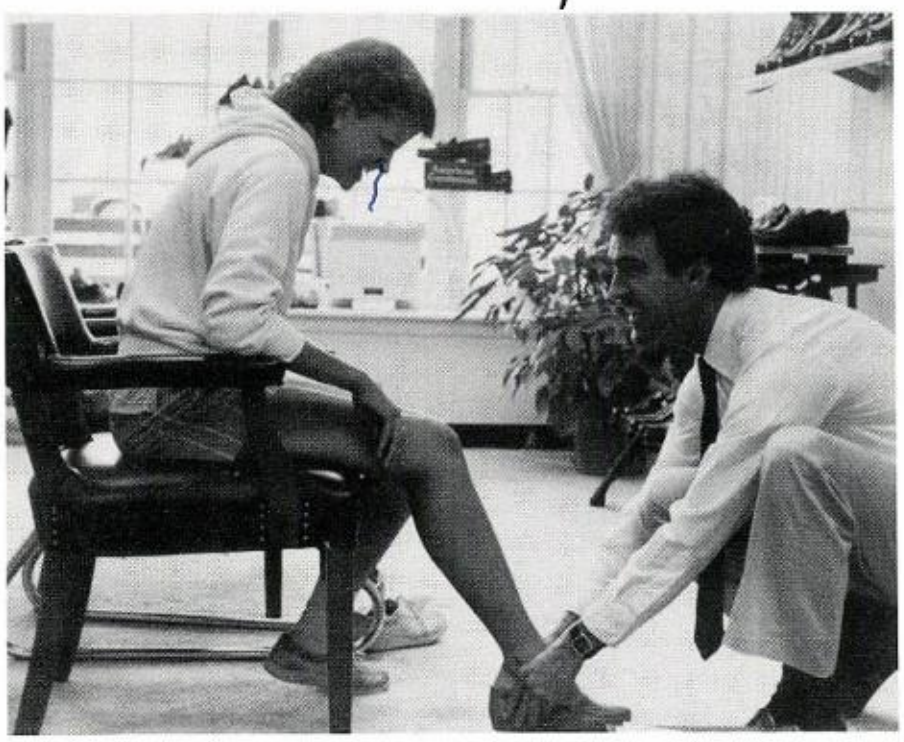

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C.S.,

Seniorhood has been great! I don't know what I could have done without your radical behavior in Biology and Physics. It wouldn't have been the same. You're a great guy and a true friend and I wish you the best of luck in all of your future experiences. Come and see Dan and I at Chapel Hill at Granville Towers anytime. It will be the room with the party going on! Keep in touch over the summer. Enough for the B.S. for C.S.

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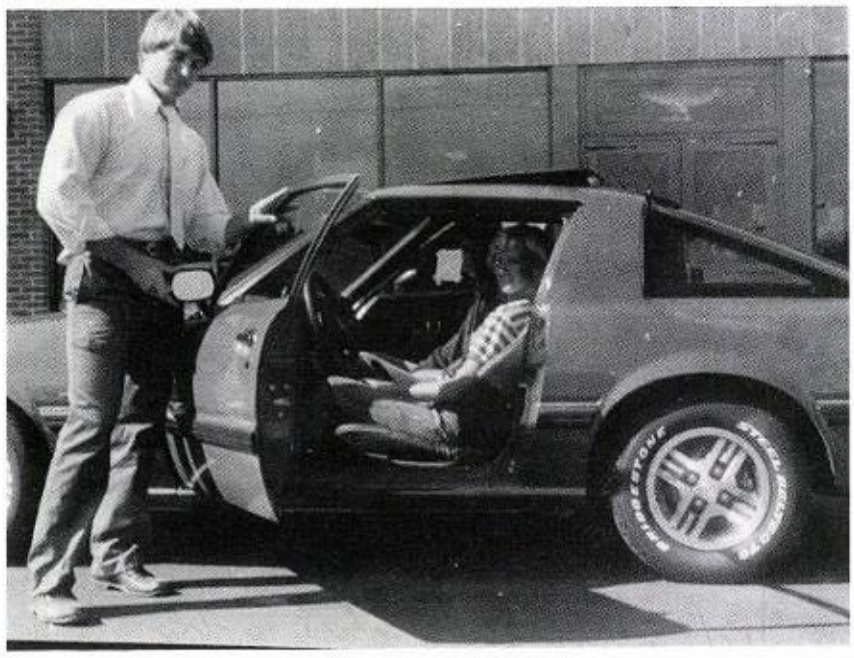

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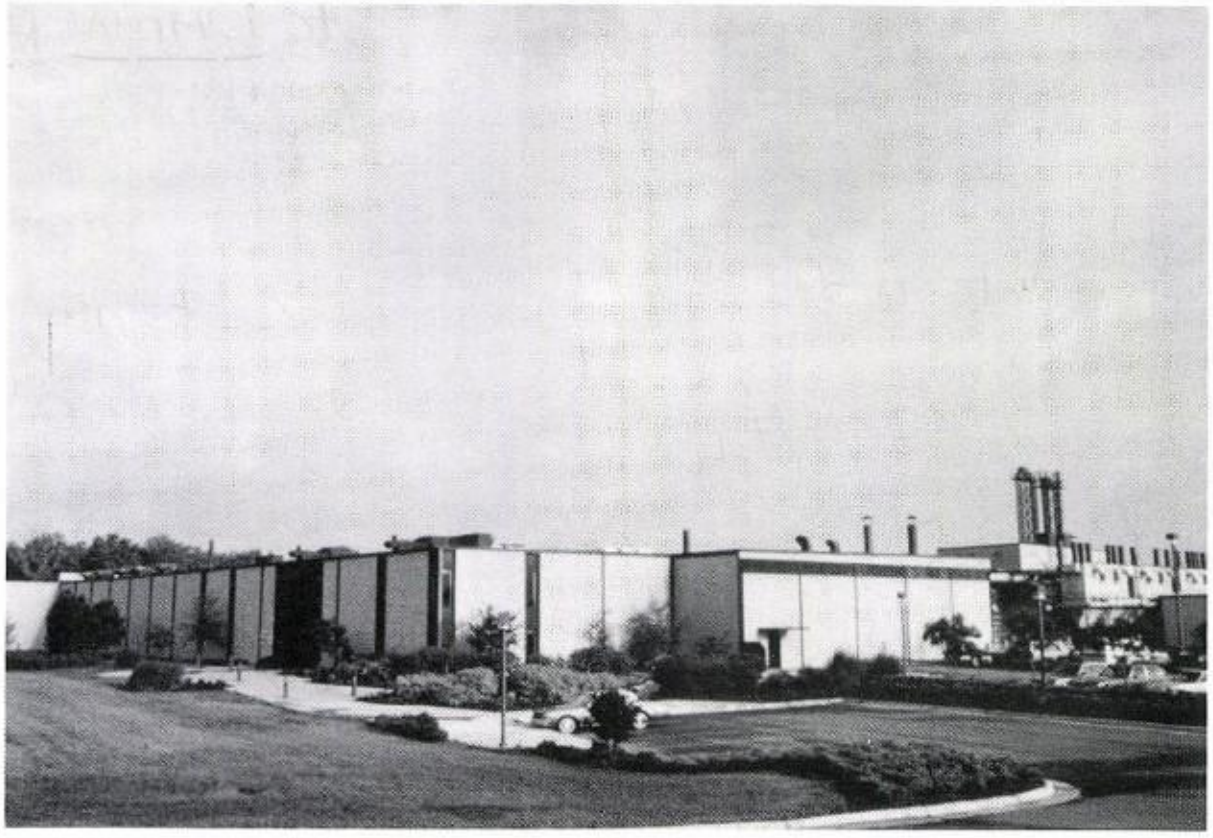

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long. Brentley, why can't you be a normal senior and go to State OR Carolina. Texas is just to DAMN FAR! There is no doubt in my mind you will make some special girl very happy. who knows maybe 8 OR 10 years from now when I am on the prowl for a nice, good looking, body builder you might just be the one. Keep that in mind OK?!!! you better not ever forget me cause I most definitely will not forget you and the many memories I have of your "uniqueness" Please save me a dance at the Graduation Party (Unlike the TWIR and the JR/SR) when you go off to school you better write my home address and give me your new one and believe me I will write as soon as I can! Lets get together this summer before you leave (I mean that!)

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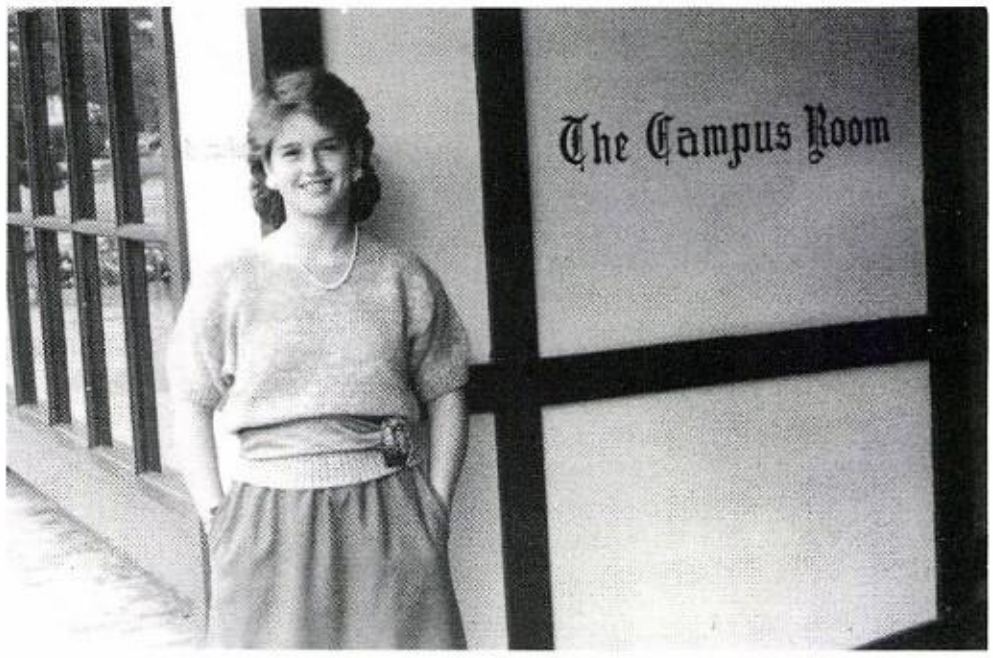

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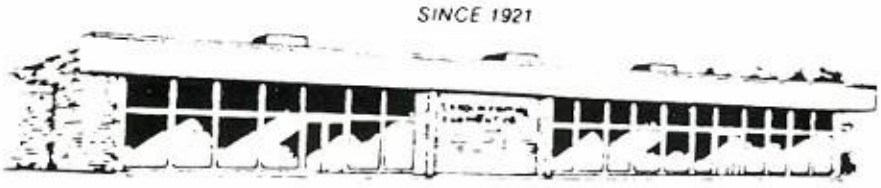

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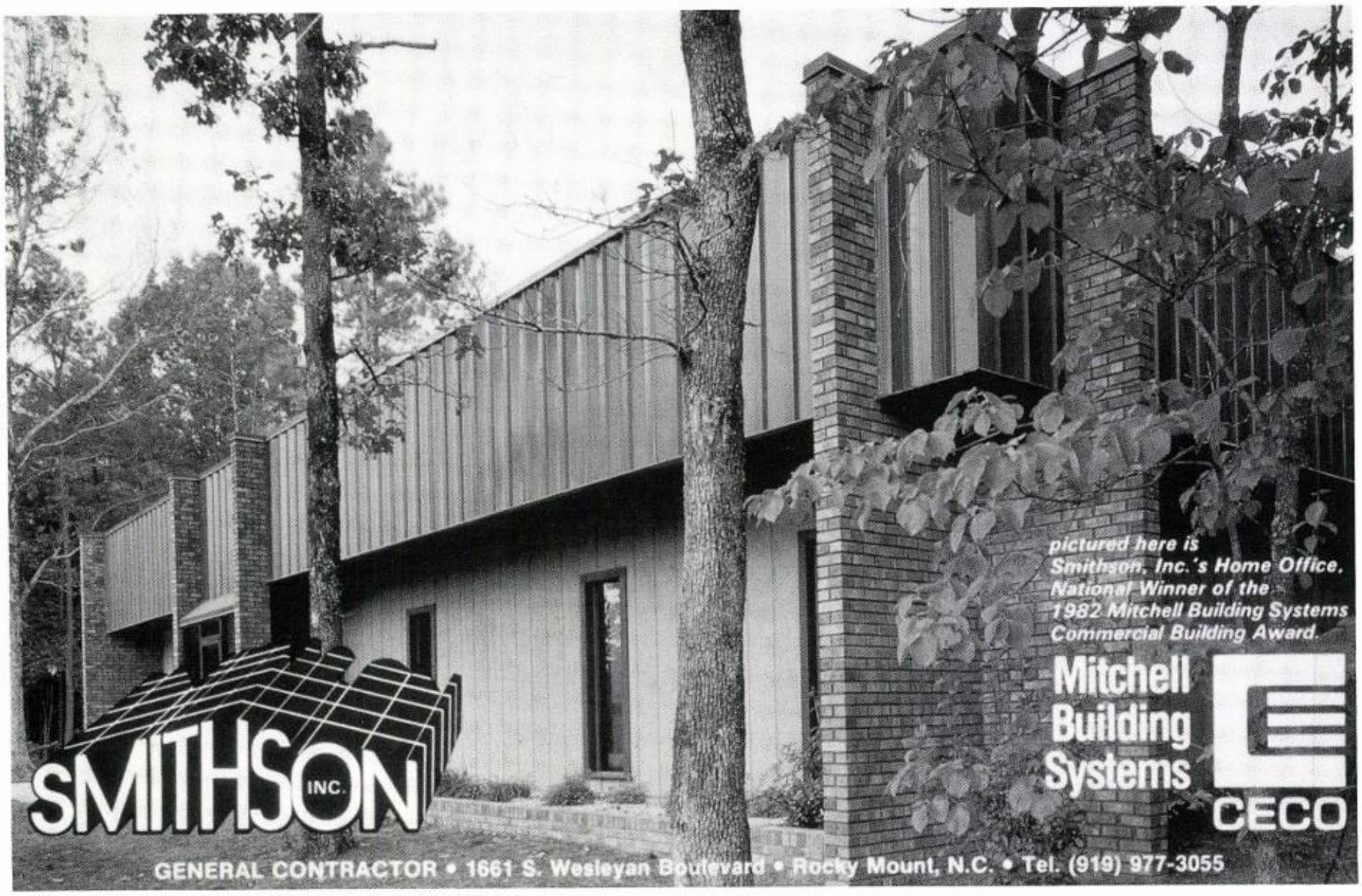

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Seriously Keep in touch!! I'll be really hurt if ya don't write!! Stay out of trouble!! And always stay just the way you are, because you will go far in life!! Thanx again!! Goodbye for now my friend, but never farewell!! I luv ya!!

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BS, I wish you the best of luck next year at Baylor, I hope that we can get together some time when were both home and catch up on the "scoop"!
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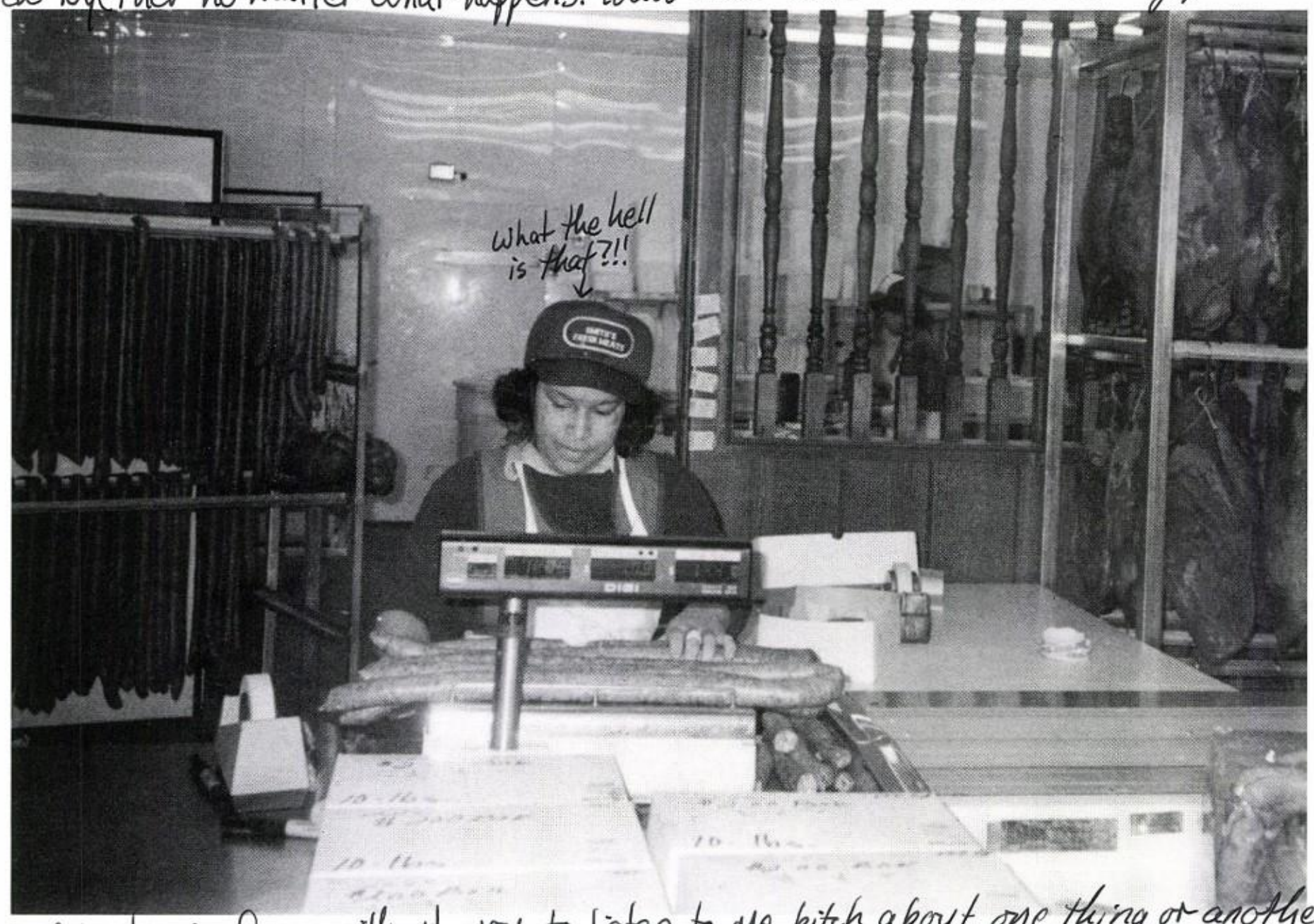

would I have done without you to listen to me bitch about one thing or another! You always listened and didn't say to much but put in input when needed. I'll never forget all those crazy days in Mrs. Krohs class this year! We really drove the lady crazy! I wonder how many things we threw out the window during labs?!! You always did the work while I played. Sometimes though, you would jump up and do something crazy (mix up the solutions, spray some kind of solution on somebody (Sam W.)), whatever. I wonder what different things I threw out the window! Let's see: an egg, parts to a microscope, slides, solutions, droppers, test tubes, etc., etc., etc. - the list goes on! I'll never forget all the funny lines and jokes you would crack in there to keep everybody laughing - especially me, since I had the privieledge of sitting beside you!! (Ha-Ha!) We laughed at so many things - and we also got in trouble in there together. Remember when you ~~threw~~ (oops!) threw the answers to part of a test to me from about six feet away and it went way under the desk, and then I crawled under the damned desk to get it!! I think that's when we got caught too. - Because of me - yes, you have defenitely

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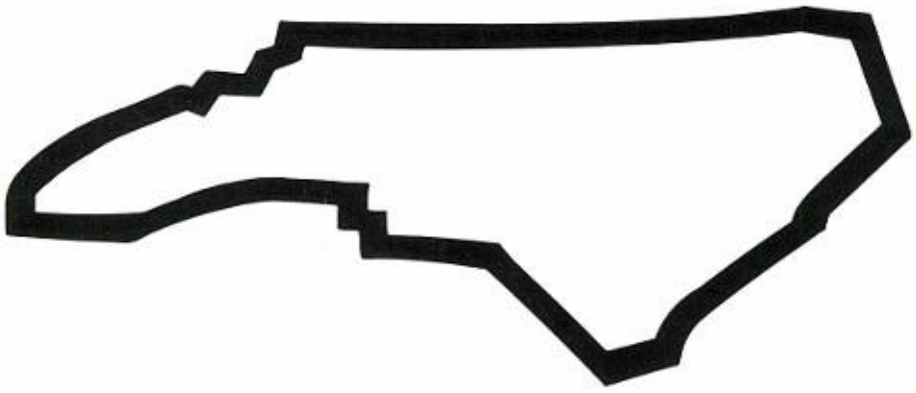

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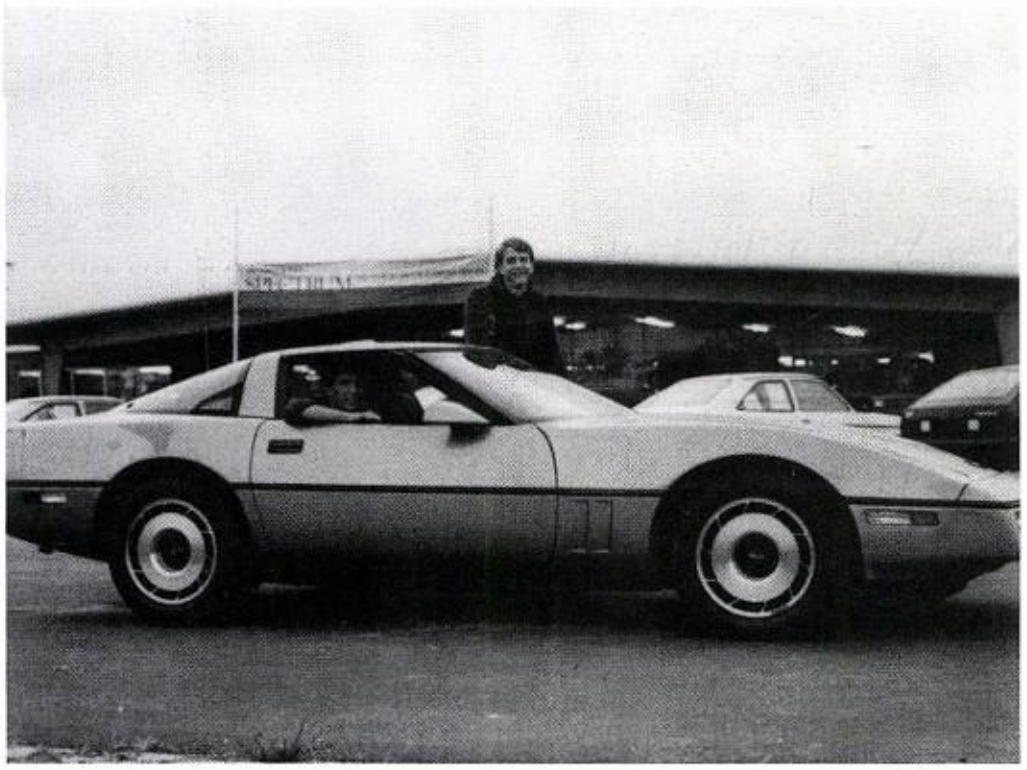

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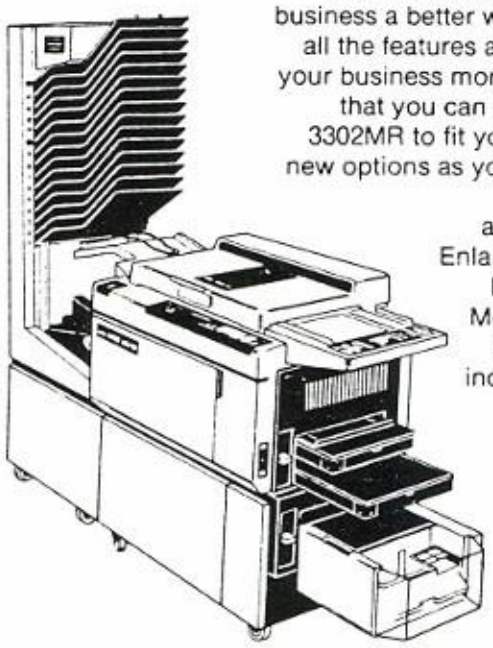

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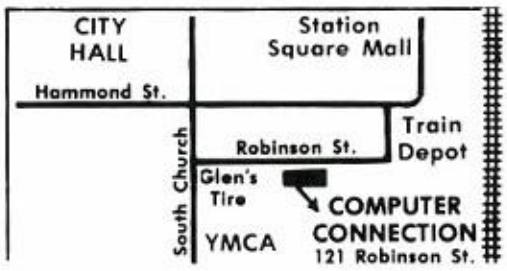

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much with her. Thanks for being there to listen to me about what I wanted to say about her. I really hope we last forever. That is one of the things that I know I want in life. Another one is getting closer to God, and another one is to remain your close friend. I know that if I have you in my life, I've got a good, understanding, and funny friend to keep me going. Alright Mr. Casanova! I won't forget all your babes this year! (Rebecca, Michelle, May-Hadly, and of course your "secret admirer"!) I'm glad I've been a part of your love life too!! Remember our cold-ass Wintergreen trip?!! How could you forget! That was so fun! Too bad you missed your chance with May! She's a sweet girl!! Your car got so damn cold on the way up there! I think the more we're together, the closer we get! And Wintergreen was an example. (I won't forget my ½ dozen yellow roses for Paige on our 6 month anniversary freezing in your car either!!) We also had fun at the TWIRP dance with you and your other flame, Rebbecca. Now she's a cute girl but not the cussin' and raisin' hell type! Then there was good, reliable Michelle! I really thought y'all had something there for a minute, but lo and behold, here comes Shannon A.!! What am I gonna do with you B.S.?! There is so much more I could write - I don't know how to say any of it. You're such a super person! I know you will defenitely succeed in your future. No doubt here! You are well liked, look good as hell (Ha-Ha!) - You've really got everything going for you. It was "pain" lifting with you, but it all is paying off. I'm going to be in the best damn shape at the end of the summer, you won't recognize me! I can't wait to get back into uniform again. That reminds me - you tried hard at being a kicker and I think you did great! I guess you were more of a practice kicker than an in-game kicker. You will always be remembered as a good soccer player as well as a great all-around person! We had a fun time at the beach (Easter '88) this year, even though I spent most of my time with Paige. I won't forget our fun drive down there (C.B. Buddies: "Rag Top", "Silver Bullet", and "Honda"). Brent, you always add so much to every situation you're in. I'm proud to call you a friend. We have got to keep in touch next year. I feel confident that we will. You will find out next year who your true friends are and who cares for you - the people that write you. I know I will. I know you'll do great at Baylor too!! If you ever become a doctor, I will gladly let you perform surgery on me! I'm sorry I've written a book, but I can't even begin to express my feelings with words. Thanks for the laughs, the smiles, the jokies, and of course the craziness you have shared with me! Thanks for listening to me babble about this and that! Thanks for being there when I needed someone - someone to talk to and count on. Thanks for everything you have given

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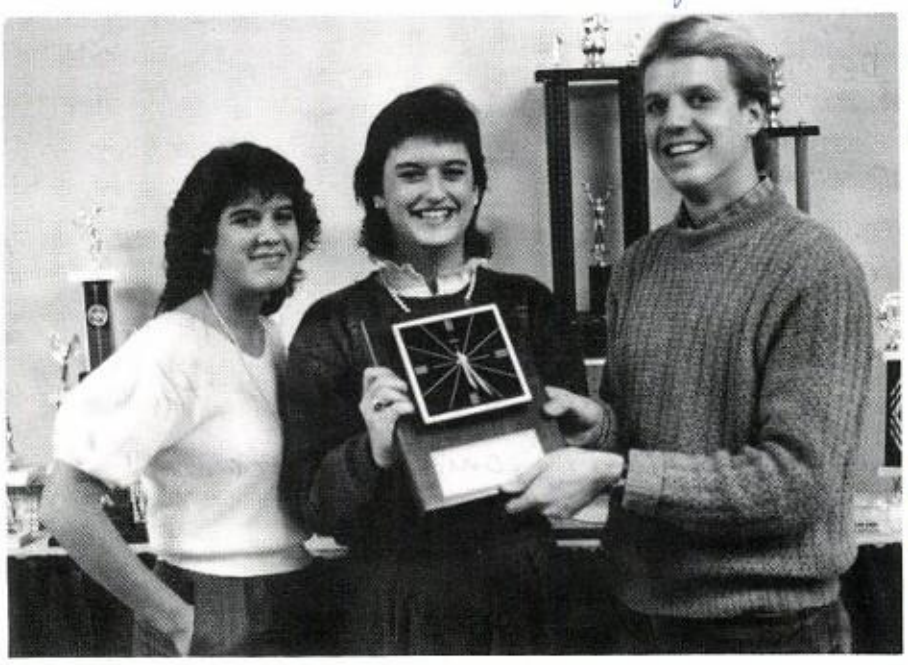
I can't believe it is already time for us to graduate. Only one week and we will all go on seperate ways. I'm going to miss everybody so much. I've had a great time getting to know you better this year. You are definitely a sweet, funny, loveable guy! I'm really going to miss you next year when you're in Texas! If you ever, by any chance come to Chapel Hill, please come and see me!! Keep in touch Brentley. You're a great person to have as a friend.

Love Always,
Katherine Wiggins

Third period was great. You definitely cheered up the class those times with your non stop laughter!! You really are a Special Person!



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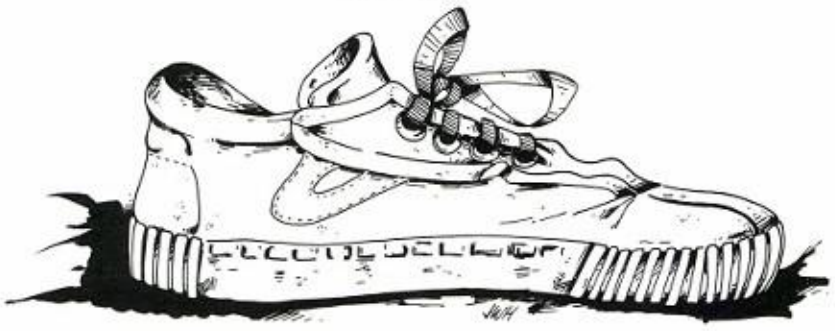

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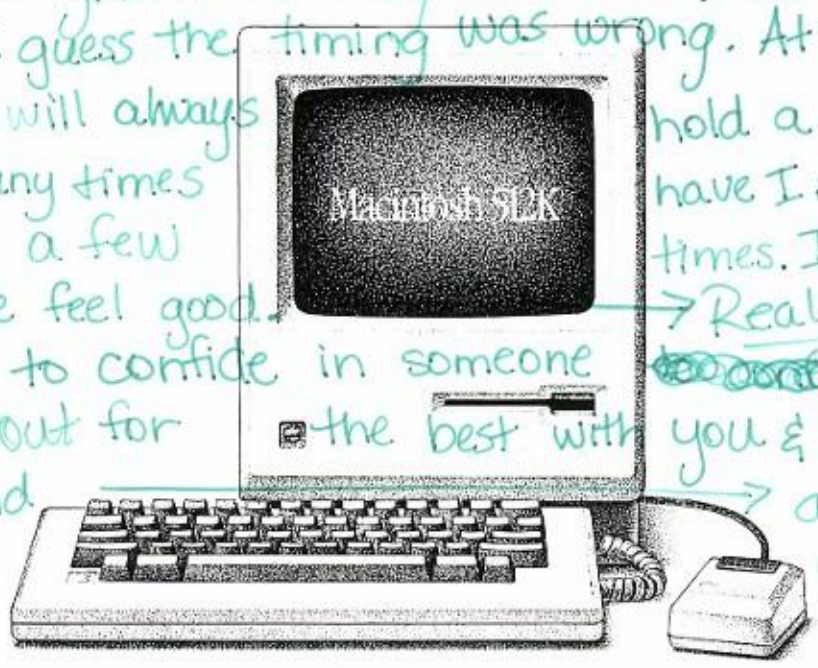
Rebecca Garrison
(Becca T.)
(Guess who?)



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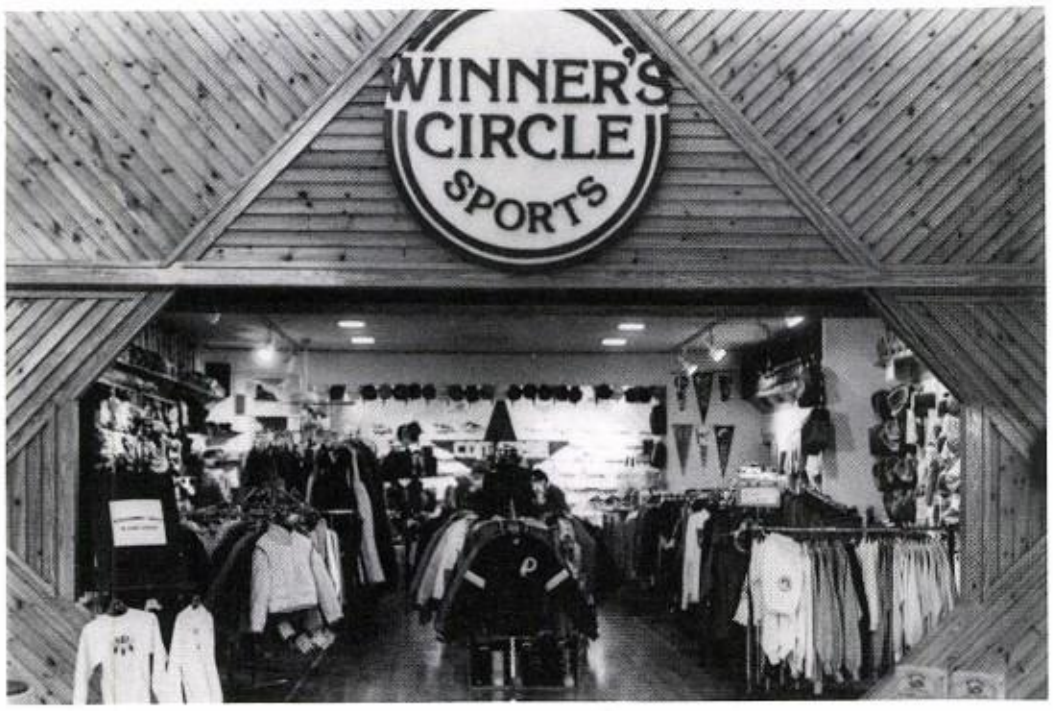
Willie Farmer



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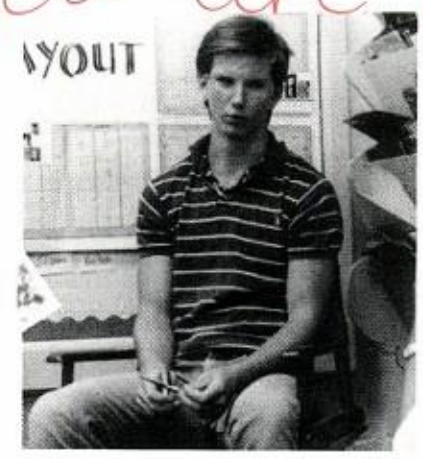

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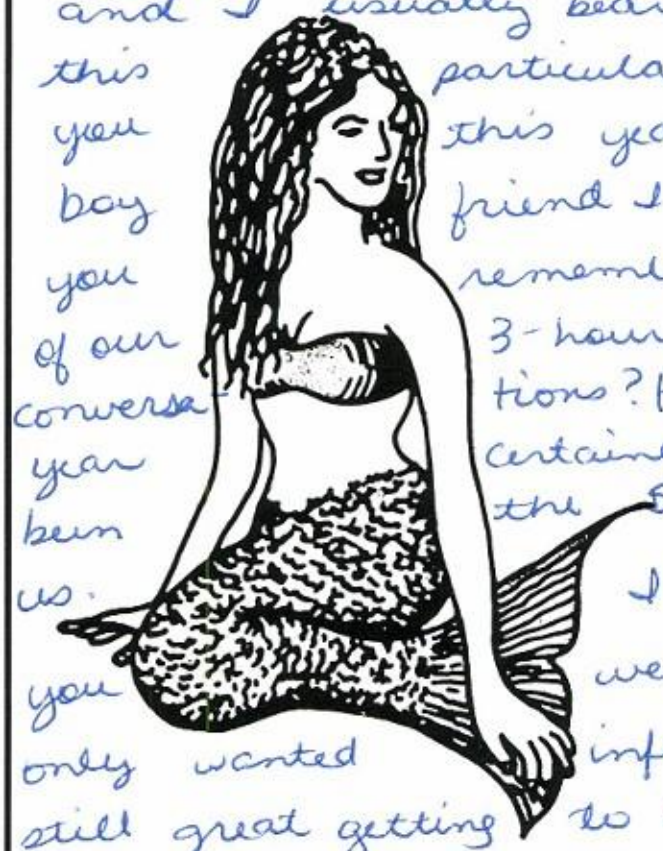

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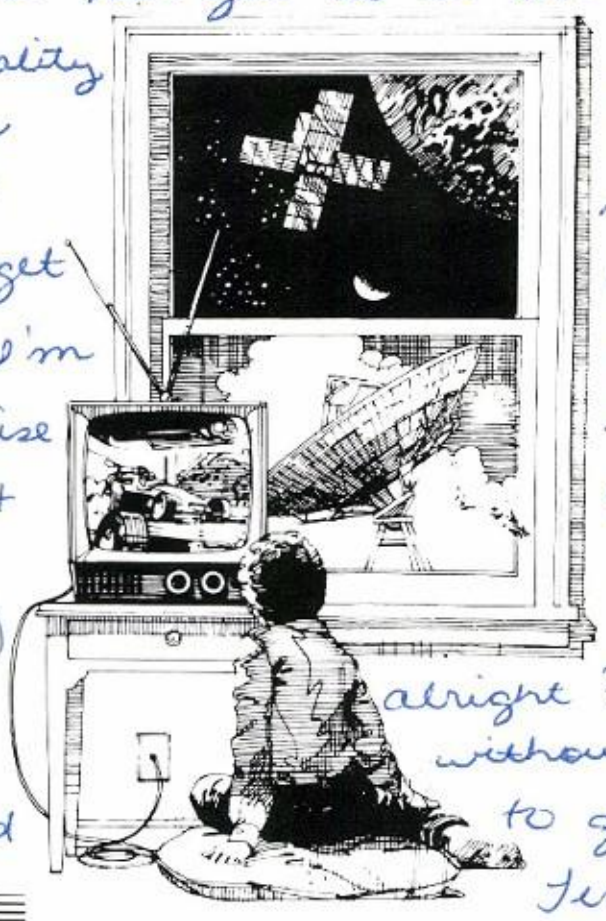

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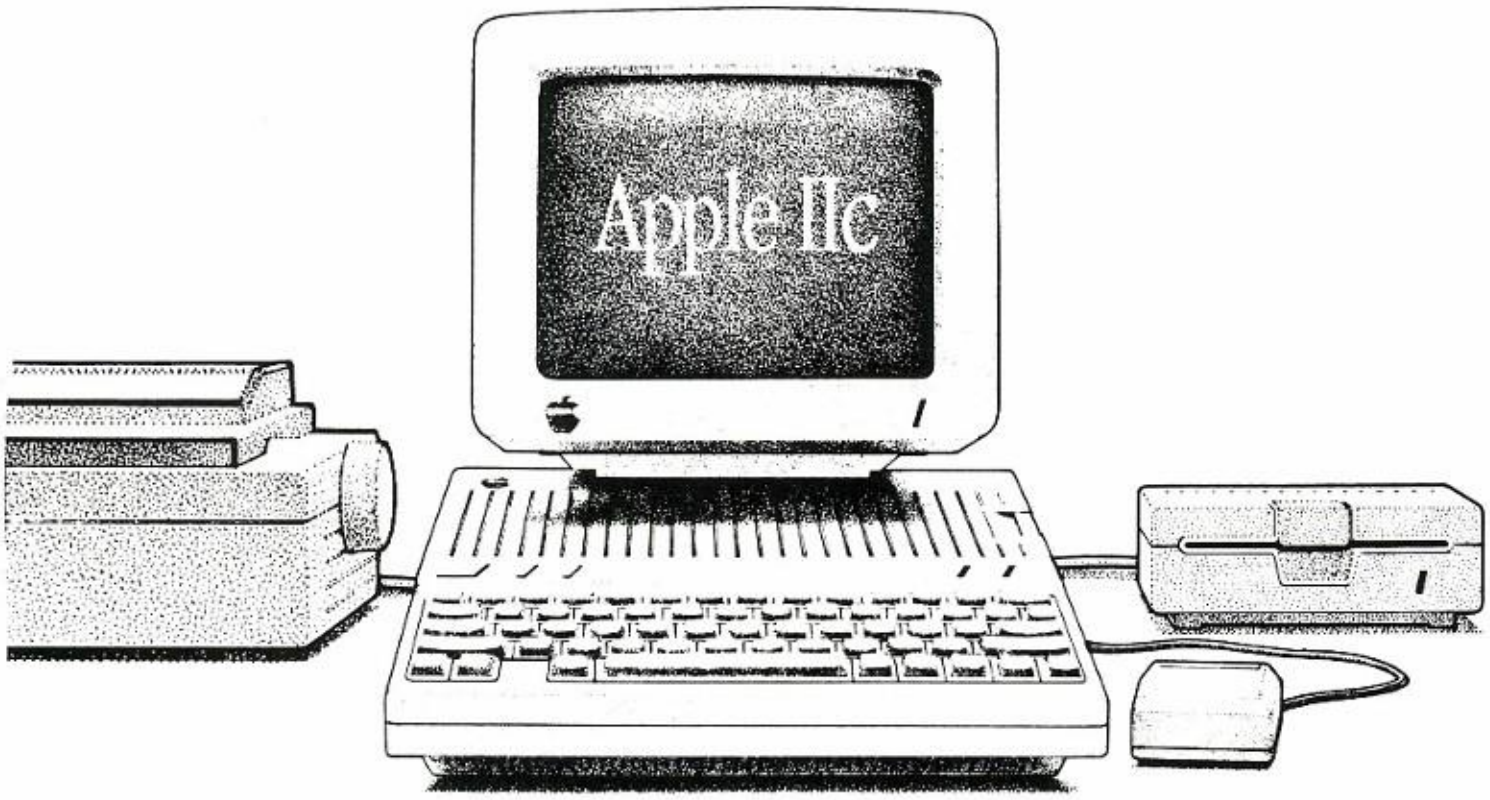

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Love ya lots,
Shannon
(Gallagher)

~~We'll~~ I'll Be "Missing You"

and shared with me over the years. And especially and most sincerely, thanks for being my friend. I can't believe everything is ending (my tears are now starting) - yes you mean that much to me Brent - take care, keep in touch, and good luck in your life -

love and friendship always, - Richard Venone

Class of 1985!

#55 [Richard loves Paige] 85

Brentley S.,

I can't believe this year is already over! In 10 days we are going to graduate! You really missed up when you decided to go to Baylor! You should have picked UNC and party up there with the rest of us! I'm really going to miss you and your smile in AP Biology next year! Friends like you made coming back to Rocky Mount so easy! I hope we can become even closer friends over the summer! With your great personality and your hard work at body building, I expect you to be Mr. Universe in five years! Please keep in touch!

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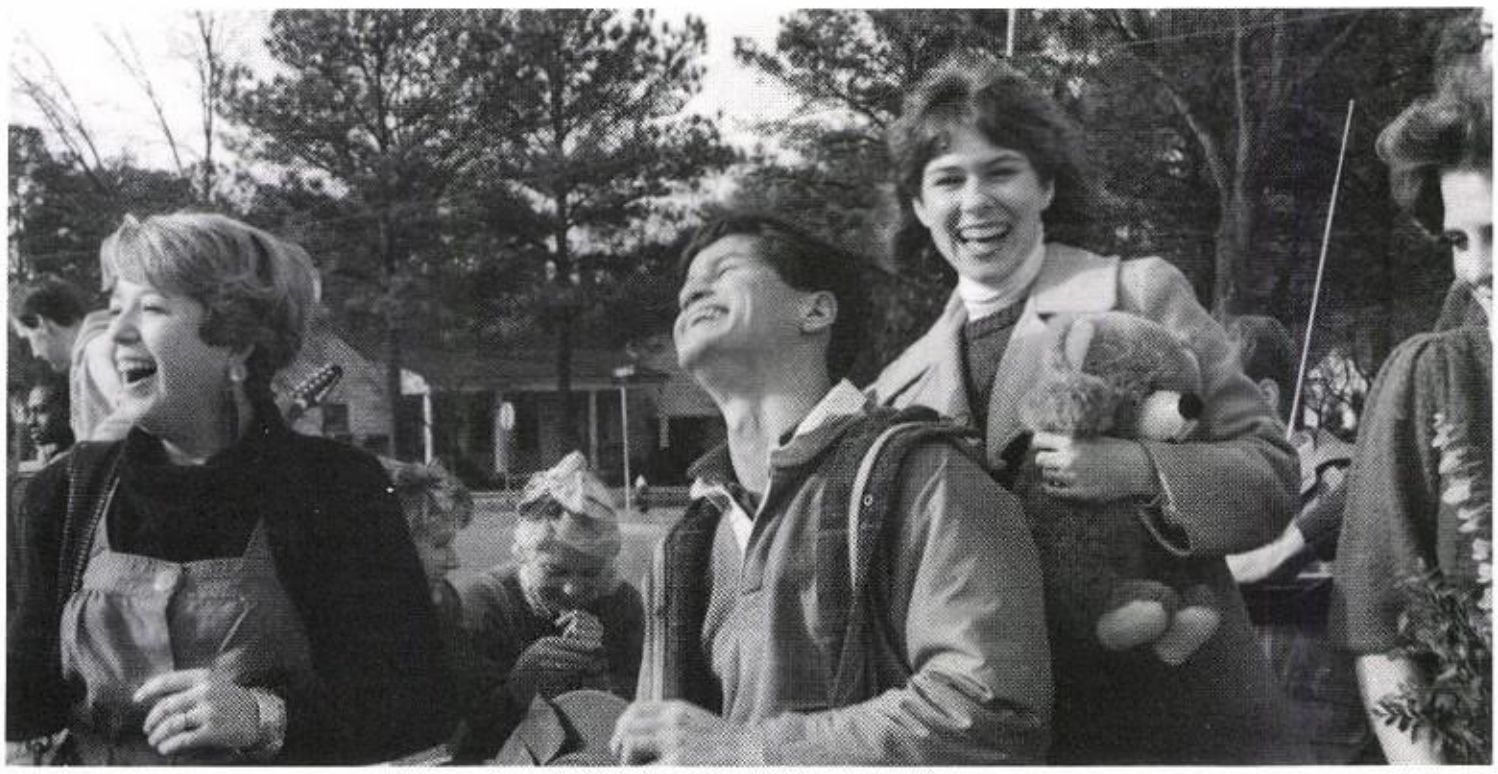

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From the

Courtesy

Brantley,

Hey, what's that thing growing out of the back of your head - oh, it's a rat tail. Well 12 years of school coming to an end and next year - you're on your own. I'm glad I got to know you, Thanks for your friendship. Have a great time at Baylor - I'll come see you. Hope to see you this summer and if I don't, I wish you the best in life. Jesus 1st + Jesus is Lord. Don't forget the "Hand-Foot Club," you are an honorary member for life. See you this summer, hopefully.

Friends Forever,
David Hughes

IXOYE

P.S. - Come on out to the coffeehouse some this summer! & you, you looked really sharp at the prom, with the little blue ribbon and all!

Walking down the uncertain road of the future, many seniors find themselves lost in a maze of decisions.

Joining in the latest fad, senior Trish Nicholson and sophomore Michelle Schiewe wear their sweatshirts "inside out."

Diana Smashes N.C. Coast

Hicks

After facing many unexpected changes, both Rocky Mount Senior High and North Carolina have adjusted well to the many traumas.

Johnson/Roberson

Forced to break out the shorts, junior Jim Cummings has to give up hope of a "white Christmas."

An integral part of preparing for graduation, senior Keith Horton has his head measured by Mr. Warren.

Enjoying a spot of tea seems a bit out of place for junior David Livingston, and seniors Cindy Wise, Sandy Roberson, and Lou Ann Oakly.

Parks

Inside out

Another year, another class, another graduation — the cycle goes on. This year was special in its own way. It was . . . an inside-out year.

Memories of decorating a Christmas tree in shorts, seeing our band in the National for the second year, having a woman run for vice president, remembering to go to first period before homeroom, and having co-principals, when woven together, became an odd sort of fabric with our own special design. Our winter had us dripping with perspiration until only a few weeks after Christmas when temperatures dropped to sub-zero levels. From summer to winter in a week provided quite an interesting change causing mixed-up reactions. Our bright aspirations for the year faded as the year came to a close. But like a faded pair of jeans that became more favored with time, our school year was logged into memory provided food for nostalgia.

Sandy Roberson & Alicia Johnson

Johnson

Williams

Hicks/Parks

Brentley,
Well, I finally found out what the "S." stood for! (Sexy!) It has been fun this year in AP Biology - well, I've enjoyed having you in my class anyway. I wouldn't call it fun, though!
Well, I wish you the best of luck in the future - keep in touch!
Love,
Trish Nicholson

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B. Brentley S,

You have been such a fantastic friend these past few years. My high school years just could not be the same without you. Your smiling face and your never-ending friendliness and cheerfulness brightened many days for everyone here at RMSH, especially me. That unique personality of yours will always be remembered - there is only one B.S. Kirkham! I really hope we'll keep in touch this summer and next year. Remember when you rode your bike over to my house a few years ago? If you ever get the urge again, my door is open! Remember when we took our rowdy brats to the Hardees' drive-thru! We really need to teach those kids some manners! B.S., you better not forget our plan for next year - you go from Texas to Georgia to get Kevin and then both of y'all come to Massachusetts to get me! Sounds great! Don't be a stranger this summer - come see me!! Love always, Carmen (Coley)

B.S.,
It's been great getting to know you the past three years. You're a really super guy and I'm going to miss you a lot next year. I can't believe that you're going to be all the way in Texas. We'll never get to see you. We'll all have to keep in touch. Remember the beach? 84 & 85 "Hi, my name is Cliff - drop over some time." When you said that to me I really thought you were weird. Boy did I learn fast. Well, so long for now, Please Be Good and Take Care. I'll miss you lots. I wish you the best of luck in all that you do!!
Love always,
Kimberly Bulluck.

Brentley,

Well Dood, you finally made it. You're out of school and on your way to college. Well, when you get off at school & do all that partying with all those fine women, Don't forget about your old PAL MR. Carmichael.

It has been great knowing you. I want you to be sure to keep in touch.

I will never forget you.

Your friend,

Tony Carmichael

Brentley S.,

It's been a great year! I hate to see it end so much. I'm gonna miss you next year so much, all the way in Texas - I wish you were gonna be closer! you have been a terrific friend. We have had some great times and good talks! (Mainly concerning M.S.) Remember you and Ricky sneaking through our window at the beach. I could have killed ya! But they only made great memories! Thanx for being "you"! you are a really unique person whom I love to death! Take ∅ (Candie did that) care always + KEEP IN TOUCH!! Write me!!

Love Always,
Shawn
Joyce

Brentley,
You are such a dear. I am so glad that we got to be better friends our Sr. yr. You are so funny and there is definitely no one quite like you! I hope you have a great time at college, way down there! And try to stay sweet but always remember that I love you and you still owe me a few laps in the ocean. (you ran 3 and was suppose to swim 5000)

Love,
Jennifer

P.S. if you are ever in Greensboro give me a call or drop by!

BS

How the hell you doing? Pretty good here, except I cant believe this year is over. All these long year come down to this one last short year. This year seemed to fly by. I wish it could last a little longer so I could pull up my grades in Mrs. Tedders class. But anyway it's still been fun getting to know you these last few years. You're really a trip. Our whole damn class is a trip. Well stay out of trouble and good luck were ever you go next year.

Your Friend
145 Brad
(Brad Batchelor)

"Class of '85½"

Brentley S.,

I really can't believe that we are graduating from high school. The time has really flown by. Brentley, of all the people I have met during school, you are one of the friendliest, vivacious people I have ever met. You are a true original, with your rat tail & lovely water bed - woooh! Your friendly smile & disposition make it so easy for you to get along with everybody. I will miss your crazy self next year with you in Texas. I know you will be successful at whatever you - you're a born winner. Always stay PEACHY!

(Love ya man - in a friendly way!)

Friends always,
Jake Parrott

Brentley,

I'm glad that we got to have a class and a half together this year. You're a fun guy to be around. Being in psychology with you made the class much better and interesting. I will always remember the 1st day in English when you told Mrs. Tedder that she could call you "B.S." Have a great summer.

Love,
Jayla (Hoste)

Brentley S,

I can't believe that the year is up!! Mrs. Tedder's class has been great and you have one hell of a sense of humor. You've been a good friend. All the parties we've been to have been great. I hope that you have lots of luck at college next year.

Your friend
Thomas "BUBBLES" Bulluch
Class of 1985
May 31, 1985

Brentley,

Well it looks like the "Catholic School Buddies" are about to graduate. Gosh we have come a long way! Brentley I am really glad that we have become such good friends over the years. You have added wonderful memories to my high school years. I don't think I will ever forget that time you told those girls in Europe that you were an exchange student. Gosh what a trip that was! (cont. 244)

(Hi Brent - its Sandy)

Brentley S. Kirkham,

What a cool guy you're man! You just don't know how I'll miss you next year. You are one of the nicest guys I've ever met in my life. Please don't ever forget your Brazilian buddy because you'll stay forever inside my thoughts and my heart. Please keep in touch if you can because it'll hurt me a lot if one of my FRIENDS just ignore me! I love you Brent!

Don't ever forget me,

Love,

(Ivo Gomes)

Mr. Brently S. Kirkham,

I find it very hard to put into words how much fun & have had this year. Mrs. Speight's class would have been a drag without you and the others in there. I will never forget the beach and all the times you, me & Mike sat on the balcony and sang every song on the E.J. tape at least three times. That was the best week of my school year. I also remember riding around one night with some grapefruit. That poor van will never be the same. I still haven't gotten all the lime out of my car. 300 pounds of lime is alot of lime. not enough to cover an intersection, we found that out. I hope to get together over the summer and go to the beach with a group. I wish you all the best in 3 exas and keep in touch.

The Very best of Friends,

Kevin Mayum